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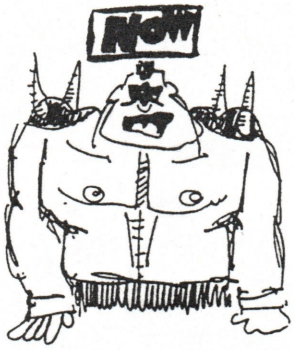

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The Great Territories

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THE EDITOR'S SPACE:
BY EVAN GINZBURG

I may sound like I'm 100 years old instead of a relatively young 32, but I miss the "old days"!

I've always been a New Yorker. The WWWF was my "territory." As much as I drooled over the wrestling magazines, wishing I could see Terry Funk and Jack Brisco and the other greats that rarely came my way (with the exception of an occasional one-shot at the Garden), I was more than delighted with my "local" east-coast heroes. Always a heavyweight area, a parade of super heroes and villains would crush the competition in their climb to a title shot, only to be vanquished by superheroes Pedro, Bruno, Backlund and for too brief a time, SuperStar Graham. It was predictable yet it was still magical. And everyone in every part of the country and Canada had their own "local" giants as well. There were mainstays of each promotion, yet talent travelled freely and remained fresh. There was always a new challenger, a new face to watch. It was an era that may very well be gone forever.

The focus of WT&N's annual are these great territories of the past. I'll never forget the mid-eighties when I quit a nightmarish 6th grade teaching job and headed out to Florida for a few weeks to recover. I saw an unforgettable cast of characters in the last glorious days of a legendary promotion. Kevin Sullivan, Mark Lewin and Bob Roop wreaked havoc. Harley Race appeared. Flair defended against Wahoo in a cage. A young, incredibly green Lex Luger went up against Jesse Barr. It was a thrill for me, and as therapeutic as anything I could imagine. It was wrestling nirvana, and amazingly enough, in many other cities throughout the U.S. and Canada large crowds still thrilled to their own great wrestlers.

It would be impossible for me to cover each territory from its inception to its demise in a 50 page format. Any one of these areas could very well warrant an annual all its own. What I've attempted though is an overview of the territories, in the WT&N format. There are reprints of long-lost articles going back as far as 1938, as well as pieces by the staff and exclusive interviews. It may only be the tip of the iceberg, but I feel it will give you some insight into this great period in wrestling history. What we don't cover here, we'll eventually get to in WT&N monthly so FORGIVE ME if your favorite promotion isn't covered in as much depth as you'd like. Nonetheless, I've made every effort for this to be a package you'll enjoy...

Special thanks have to go out to annual co-editor Howard Roth whose 10,000 program collection (that's not including 6 scapbooks full of hundreds of clippings!), was a vital source of information and material. Without him, this yearbook would have been an impossible project.

If the annual garners a strong enough response and a good critical reaction, we'll shoot for one per year. We're in a period in which promoters choose to forget wrestling's past. Hopefully I can be a small part of preserving this rich history. If you have a friend who's disgusted by or

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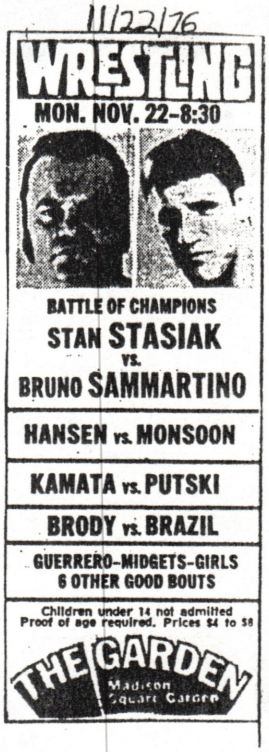

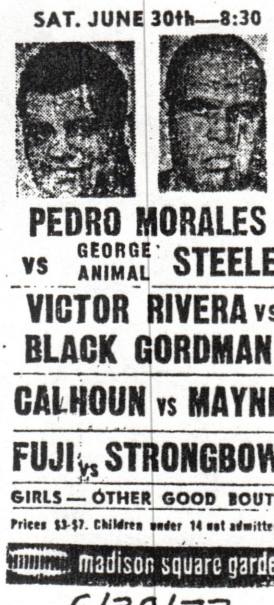

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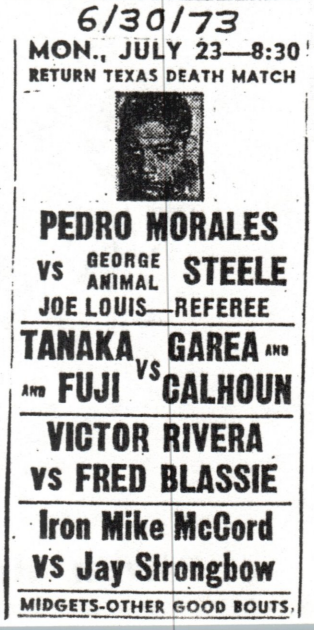

given up on today's action, please tell them about Wrestling- Then & Now. Subscriptions are $15 a year.

Thanks so much to all who submitted to the annual, as well as to everyone who purchased it. Also thanks to everyone who's forwarded materials in general. Sometimes the mail load is so overwhelming I don't get a chance (or I'm too disorganized!) to write a personal thank you, but it's truly appreciated. Also, your comments and criticisms are of course encouraged.

Meanwhile, enjoy...

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MONDAY, AUGUST 26th, 1974

Wrestling Program

-MAIN BOUT-

WWWF TAG-TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH
2 out of 3 Falls

John VALIANT and Jimmy VALIANT
Chicago - 240 — Chicago - 250
-VS-
Indian Jay STRONGBOW and Bruno SAMMARTINO
Oklahoma - 255 — Abruzzi, Italy - 265

SPECIAL ATTRACTION - One Fall to a Finish
Killer KOWALSKI vs ANDRE the GIANT
Detroit - 278 — France - 424

ADDED ATTRACTION - One Fall to a Finish
Pedro MORALES vs Nikolai VOLKOFF
Puerto Rico - 235 — Siberia - 345

— Time Limit Matches —

Strong KOBAYASHI vs Tony GAREA
Japan - 270 — New Zealand - 240

Otto von HELLER vs Haystacks CALHOUN
Germany - 265 — Arkansas - 601

Jack EVANS vs Dean HO
New York - 238 — Hawaii - 306

Louis TILLET vs Larry ZBYSZKO
France - 235 — Pittsburgh - 250

Johnny RODZ vs Jose GONZALES
New York - 235 — Puerto Rico - 232

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In a Steel Cage
Ric Flair
vs.
Wahoo McDaniel

Mike Graham, Steve Keirn & Stan Lane
vs.
Kevin Sullivan, Maha Singh & The Purple Haze

Southern Heavyweight Title Match
Lex Luger vs. Jesse Barr

Bahamas Heavyweight Title Match
Tyree Pride vs. Harley Race

"Boot of Justice" Match
Hector Guerrero vs. The Cuban Assassin
Joe Savoldi vs. Prince Iaukea

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South Carolina - 296 lbs. — Iran - 262 lbs.

Bob Backlund -vs- Samoan #2
Princeton, Minn. - 234 lbs. — Samoa - 298 lbs.

Greg "The Hammer" Valentine -vs- Ivan "Polish Power" Putski
Seattle - 248 lbs. — Krakow, Poland - 235 lbs.

Samoan #1 -vs- Chief Jay Strongbow
Samoa - 299 lbs. — Pawhuska, Okla. - 258 lbs.

Tony Garea -vs- Tiger Chung Lee
New Zealand - 245 lbs. — Korea - 270 lbs.

LADIES TAG TEAM TITLE MATCH

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PLUS OTHER ALL-STAR BOUTS, FEATURING B. BRIAN BLAIR, JOSE LUIS RIVERA, RENE GOULET & CHARLIE FULTON

Tuesday, January 13, 1976

Superstar Upsets Sammartino

Superstar Billy Graham turned in a major upset by gaining a weight champion Bruno Sammartino victory over WWWF heavy- victory last night before a sellout crowd of 22,092 at Madison Square Garden.

Graham was awarded the match when Sammartino, who had fallen out of the ring was counted out before he could re-enter. The gruelling bout lasted 16:51.

Another surprise was turned in by former all-pro footballer Ernie Ladd, who scored the biggest victory of his career when he defeated Gorilla Monsoon.

Other results were:

Pete Sanchez and Irish Pat Barrett fought to a 20 min. draw; Baron Scicluna def. Francisco Flores in 11:20; Frank Monte and Kevin Sullivan battled to a draw; Dominick Denucci won a disqualification victory over Buggsie McGraw after 11:35; Ivan Putski def. Crusher Blackwell in 12:14.

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ALOHA FROM THE ARCHIVES

BY HOWARD ROTH

First off, let me say that I'm not typing this column from our 50th state or even from the Smithsonian Institue. The archives I speak of is right here in my apartment, in the "Big Apple", New York City. My library of wrestling memorabilia dates back some four decades and includes 10,000 plus programs, six scrapbooks, dozens of articles, numerous photos, posters and let us not forget the movie poster for the classic film "The Wrestler" or the extremely popular Pro Wrestling board game, which probably sold as many as Joe Turco had career wins.

Now with the above information out of the way, let me introduce myself to all you good readers and tell you how I first met up with the esteemed editor of "Wrestling Then & Now", Evan Ginzburg.

I am 34 years old and I have been following wrestling for some 22 years now, although the last 4-5 years I've been observing the sport from a safe distance. I'm not talking about sitting in the balconies of arenas either. It seems that just about the same time Vince McMahon Jr. was cranking up his traveling circus, this hardcore wrestling fan went into hibernation, keeping up with things strictly by television and video. I'm sure my wrestling resume for the last few years will sound quite familiar to you readers or why else would you want to be reading about the past glory of pro wrestling. My first introduction to wrestling was pretty much like everyone else, through television. Having lived in New York all my life, we had the home team (W.W.W.F.) on local t.v. along with the syndicated Lucha Libre show from Los Angeles, which was run on a New Jersey U.H.F. spanish station. I remember seeing TNT Tank Morgan hitting guys over the head with a wooden folding chair and then tying them up in the ropes until some wrestler would run into the ring to chase Morgan out. This was on the W.W.W.F. t.v. show out of Washington,D.C., with Ray Morgan as host. Meanwhile, out in L.A., The Masked Medics from Mexico were tag team champs stirring things up on afternoon t.v. here in New York. Luis Magana & Miguel Alonzo provided the spanish commentary which was very instrumental in me passing junior high school spanish. Thanks guys. The first live show I attended was in August of 1972, at Sunnyside Gardens, in Queens,N.Y.. The card featured a tag team title match with champs, Toru Tanaka & Mr. Fuji taking on Gorilla Monsoon & El Olympico. It was a best of three falls match and when the challengers took the opening fall, the crowd and myself were thinking title change already but it was not to be as the champions came back to take the next two falls. I guess it was the excitement of the crowd and that match that really hooked me on pro wrestling and going to live shows regularly for the next 15 years. As the great Ernie Ladd would say, I have forgotten about more matches than most people have seen.

My friendship with Evan began in an interesting way. For several months in a row at the Nassau Coliseum, in Uniondale, N.Y., during the mid seventies, the arena was generally empty with only a few thousand fans in attendance at the cards. I would go to the shows with two friends of mine. We would buy general admission tickets, which I believe cost four dollars (Meadowlands Arena now charges $5.00 to park your car) and then we would sneak down to about tenth row ringside, which was never sold out. It turned out that Evan was doing the same thing with his friends and his dad. All of us would cheer for the villains, I guess thats why we sat on the aisle that the villains walked down. When a villain would walk by, our group would yell some obscure fact about the wrestler's past (an old alias or a title the wrestler held in another area). The arena was so quiet at times that I recall on one occasion when Bob Backlund was defending his title against Jimmy Snuka. It was toward the end of Backlund's reign as champion and many hardcore fans were tired of Backlund's Howdy Doody image. Well let me tell you what we did, our group of about eight started to boo Backlund and cheer on Snuka. Soon afterwards, the better part of the sparse crowd picked up on our chanting and we were amazed that the fair haired champion was being ferociously booed on his every move. I don't remember what the result of the bout was but who cares, we were just happy that we could influence a crowd into following our lead. Since those early days at the Nassau Coliseum, Evan and I would go to all the local shows in our area with our friends. We soon learned that we had the same taste in music and movies among other things. It's funny to think back that our friendship started at the matches.

I was recently approached by Evan, as to helping him put together an annual issue that would chronicle a good bit of wrestling past in this country. Well here it is! Aloha!

JOBBERS WE LOVED BY DR. MIKE LANO

Gobble, Gobble. I sure miss the old jobbers of the circuit days. Some of these guys could handle the "stars" of today, and many put out like Barry "Winning Jobber" Horowitz, who should be a star. In the Roy Shire Circuit were: Pepper Martin(who more often than not really gave like a top guy), The Avenger, Jerry Monti, Guy Lambert, Ricki Thompson. In New York at the Philly tv tapings- you had phenominal guys like Spaceman Frank Hickey, El Olympico, Mike McCord(later to become Legendary Austin Idol), Kevin Sullivan(who may be back at Titan as a conquering star as you read this), Lee Wong, Ben Ortiz, and others.

Los Angeles on both KCOP Saturdays (English with Dick Lane-taped for later that day) and KMEX Wednesday night tapings(live-Lucha Libre with Miguel Alonzo and Luis Maganya) had some winners: Cowboy Buddy Rose(Paul Perschman would later admit to taking the name up to Oregon and SF to begin his character), The Masked Texas, Mr. Olympia, Mr. California, Bengali(who later returned as the masked El Azteca), La Pantera Negra, Sal Lothario, Billy Rogers, Gene Lebell(well, he shoulda been a jobber- not the America's Champ when the Lebell promotion finally died and died and died), Art "Speed" Dominguez, Kubla Khan, Mando Lopez, Oregon LUmberjack, Wildman Jack Armstrong(who most recently worked teaming with Cactus for the UWF last year), The Outlaw, The Invader, Gene Lebell's "find" high school teacher John Birch, Art Mahalik(a great L.A. star in the early 60's when he mained against Carpentier and Morales), Alan Bolte lookalike Ric Drazin(was he on roids' with Billy Graham circa 1972?), and so many more. Gagne had his scrapiron Gadaski's, Kenny Jay's and so many others. I remember Duggan and Hansen jobbing for GCW and FCW early on. I think I speak for most of us when I say thank you to all the beloved guys who put over the "big" names. You were heroes too!

Program

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NOV. 8, 1968

MAIN EVENT
2 REFEREES
2 Out of 3 Falls To Finish
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and
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VS
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Hans Schmidt
VS
The Mongol

SPECIAL EVENT
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Gino Angelo
VS
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My tv Canvas Cavity co-host, former 70's manager Gary Gearhardt Kaiser says he trained with the Poffos and Weingeroffs in Kentucky in 73-4. Gary revealed some interesting things in our discussion of Kings in wrestling on the 12/30 show:"Rocky Montero was the very first guy to use the "king" gimmick in Missouri in 1963. Pedro Morales once kicked his butt good in the locker room in SF around 75 when Montero said 'you don't need to take bumps to be on top,' and although Rocky was really a jobber, Shires had agreed to let him tag champ as one of the Masked Invaders. Montero would tell others he had a bad back as his reason, so Pedro said-'we'll really make your back bad now, since you're full of toro mirda!' And from then on Montero was never taken seriously again and Shires soon got rid of him and he jobbed out his last days."

WT&NOW CIRCUITS BY DR. MICHAEL LANO

I was having trouble writing this when beloved Harry White called and told me Mrs. O'Connor had given him more than just tons of old St. Louis programs dating back to before the 40's- she gave him the fabulous Missouri State Title- that had been worn by so many of the greats: multi-champs Harley Race and Gene Kiniski, both Funks, Backlund, Brisco, Slater, Crusher Blackwell, Johnny Valentine, Thesz- quite the veritable who's who list. And I thought how we need those circuits, and people like Harry White, Sam Muchnick, Paul Boesch, Gust Karras, Roy Shire, John Tolos, Fred Blassie, Mike Gratchner, Diane Devine, Klon, Bob Barnette, the Sheik and others who've proven themselves as great human beings outside of the ring.

The first thing I did after growing up with the Lebell Los Angeles circuit from the mid-60's on was attend their shows, and read Norm Kietzer's magazines. I longed to see Gagne, the Bruiser, Stevens, Bruno and others. And I got involved- I listed myself as a lil penpal in Bill Apter's The Wrestler, and began contributing stories to John Arezzi's King of Men Blassie fan club. Even then I was overexposed, because John made me VP and I copied John and got permission from the Tolos Brothers to run their fan club and let my typewriter run wild. I loved reading about everywhere else, and got loads of people to write about their circuits and the ever-present results from Florida, Missouri, Kansas, Memphis, WWWF, AWA, Australia, Germany, England, and of course Japan. Dave Meltzer sent his results column from SF, Arezzi from NY, Devine from the Midwest, Ron Dobratz and Mike Gratchner from the AWA, Eric Goldberg and Dave Bryzenski from Detroit. Detroit in the late 60's and early 70's seemed to edge out Los Angeles in the chaotic end of circuits-the Sheik seemed to predate the WWF with a circus of crazies, fat ladies, midgets, and really entertaining cartoon characters in:Leaping Lanny, the Miser, the Money Man Hank James, Dr. Jerry Graham, Stomper and Ben Justice, Ariba Luis Martinez, the Weasal, Eddie Creatchman(Sheik asked me when did EC die-I thought it was about 6 years ago...), Carpentier, Ricky Starr, and others. When Bruiser opened his WWA- we had one of our first promotional wars- and everyone seemed to win! "This was very exciting for all of us- you had all the guys for Sheik's Big Time Wrestling and WWA had Bruiser, Crusher, the Blackjacks, the Valiants, Von Raschke, Ernie Ladd, Moose Cholak, Brody, and so many more," says cartoonist-photographer par excellance Bill Kunkle. Bill, Harry White, and others including myself have taken heat for taking about the circuits- but we were there, we saw the circuits, and we appreciate them as we would fine Museum pieces. The AWA hadn't yet experienced the success it would later in the early 80's, but they had good consistant crowds and cards filled with Gagnes, Bockwinkle and Stevens and Heenan, Gomez, Cortez, Red Bastien, Dr. X, Pampiro Firpo, Joe Leduc and much of the talent filled Bob Luce's Chicago Amphitheatre, the Gran Prix Vachon Circuit, Hawaii and others. Hawaii's HIC Arena was an interesting place- perhaps one of the first venues to feature AWA, NWA and WWWF champions before Vince Sr. brought in AWA champ Verne or NWA champ Harley Race. A typical HIC card would have AWA stars Gagne, Robinson, Bockwinkle and Stevens along with Mil Mascaras, Jimmy Snuka, Johnny Barend, Luke Graham, WWWF champ Pedro, Gene Kiniski, Shohei Baba, Tomimi "Jumbo" Tsuruta and more. Bob Barnett recalls the old cards fondly- as he saw Sheik and Terry Funk in a classic bloodbath alongside a scientific AWA match- kind of like the dream Joel Goodhart cards of today. In fact Goodhart, Dennis Coraluzzo, the Jarretts, Don Owens, Manny Fernandez, all the great Florida Indies are about all we have left. Hopefully, the AWF will get tv and flourish to remind us how fun the indies were.

Below: Chicago, Ill. 9/12/64

Wrestling Show Returns Saturday To Amphitheatre

The first wrestling program in Chicago since May will be staged next Saturday in the International Amphitheatre.

The two main events consist of Dick the Bruiser vs. Pat O'Connor and Golden Moose Cholak vs. Wilbur Snyder.

The remainder of the card has The Mongol, who has not appeared here for two years, against Joe Brunetti; Johnny King against Bobby Managoff, and The Great Hercules against Alonzo Parenti.

In a tag match, Angelo Poffo of Downers Grove and the bearded Russian heavyweight Nicoli Volkoff clash with Dennis Hall and Roger Kirby, a pair of Hoosier heavyweights.

Dick the Bruiser and O'Connor met last May and both were disqualified.

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TOM BURKE

We're off to LA and SF. Does anyone have any footage of Tolos throwing the monsul's powder into Blassie's eyes to cap the angle for the Colisium show- the very first close-circuited event?! One of the most memorable angles I have ever seen from any circuit, and believability was at an all-time high. "I think that angle that Blassie and me and Dick Lane came up with ranks up there. We got over 26,000 to the Colisium- more than Blassie and Carpentier drew in 1960, and we got closed-circuit in about 8 venues. Trouble was, Mike Lebell didn't share any of that extra loot from closed circuit with anyone. Most of the every other Friday circuit Olympic Aud shows was closed- circuited including the Sammartino Battle Royal, me and Kowalski twice, Blassie and Kowalski and me and the Sheik twice. Remember Bruno being on closed circuit at the Felt Forum for many of the MSG shows later in the 70's? How come Hogan hasn't been able to do that? In fact, Hogan can't sell out for WWF anymore since they killed all the damn circuits. I regret ever working a day for the WWF because I said before I went as Coach, and I say now that VInce Jr. has killed the circuits and wrestling as we know it. I don't know if it'll ever regain what the Funks, the Muchnicks, the Boesch's all built as a legacy, " said former L.A. circuit top star and booker, John Tolos.

Having continual success for even a longer period, was of course Roy Shire. Too bad one editor didn't have it when he interviewed Shire for his annual- we could all tell he didn't know Mitsu Arakawa from Mizu soup and it would have made for better questioning. Buddy Rogers said on my tv show "that Rogers took Ray Stevens, his then tag partner out of the McMahon-Mondt-Kohler circuit, dumped his professor gig, and created the promotion around the very classy, altho short Ray Stevens. He proved you could build around a littler guy with great ability- and look at all the houses he did with Stevens... against Arakawa, Shibuya, Gomez, Patterson, Firpo, Johnson- he made a ton of money and was one shrewdsonofabitch. Everyone respected Roy until he went to the Calif. State Athletic Commision, and I'll be looking forward to seeing him in the flesh, and JV at this year's Cauliflower Alley Club Banquet." Shire had respect tho, and in his last couple of cards had Kiniski, both Funks, Rhodes, Brody, Tolos, Ladd and many more come out of their way to appear on his last few cards.

Every area had their favs-Pat and Ray in SF, Tolos and Blassie in L.A., Bruiser in Indiana, Sheik in Detroit, Fargo and Lawler in Memphis, Bruno in NY, and a multitude in Flordia. Meltz and I disagree on whether Florida or St. Louis was the greatest circuit of all time in terms of workrate- so we now agree- they were both great. Muchnick, Gust Karras, Paul Jones and Ann Gunkle, Eddie Graham, Nick Gulas, Welch, Fuller, Vince, Frank Tunney, Don Owen, Stu Hart, George Cannon, Paul Boesche, even Fritz and Verne brought great cards and talent to their fans. And now that they're all gone- it's tough. Every time I think of Bill Watts, Eddie Gilbert, Dutch Mantell- I know the brains are out there to reform and book properly. As someone recently said in WON, all the smarts have to do is publicize and get the houses filled. Support your Portlands, your Memphis, your Jim Cornette and Dennis Coraluzzo promotions, your Goodhart spectaculars, your Floridas, and your Gordon Scozzari's. They might stumble somewhat, but they must have our love and support and our butts in the seats to survive. It is truly a matter of life and breath for everyone, as even WWF's Steve Planamenta will tell you. "They desperately need fan support now, because we need feeder circuits- places for young guys to master their craft before they come here or to WCW." Forget about destination- inevitibility. We need the circuits, period.

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THE LONDON FREE PRESS, Monday, Feb. 21, 1966-

Kiniski-Powers Meet for Title

Two of Canada's top heavyweights, fighting for the heavyweight championship of the world, will highlight the wrestling card at the London Arena on Tuesday.

Gene Kiniski, Edmonton, Alberta, battler who on January 7 dethroned Lou Thesz for the world crown, will meet Johnny Powers, the most deserving challenger in this area.

The semifinal will be an action packed tag team bout. The Two Masked Yankees, holders of the International tag team championship, will meet formidable opposition in the alliance of Seaman Art Thomas and Paul De Marco.

A special feature will mark the Canadian debut of Ernie "The Cat" Ladd. Ladd is a 6'6" 310-pounder who is extremely agile for his size and weight. Ladd is more widely known for his football ability in the American Football League where he is everybody's all-star selection. Attempting to topple the king-size Ladd will be hard-punching Joe "Killer" Christie.

The opening heavyweight encounter will have Pat Flanagan going against Duke Noble.

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HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE SUCCESSION AT A GLANCE

YEAR	RESULT	ARENA	CITY
1897	Tom Jenkins over Martin (Farmer) Burns.	Armory	Cleveland
1901	George Hackenschmidt wins two international tournaments in Europe		Vienna Paris
1902	Dan McLeod over Tom Jenkins		
1903	Jenkins over McLeod		Worcester, Mass.
1904	Frank Gotch over Jenkins		Bellingham, Wash
1905	Jenkins over Gotch	Madison Square Garden	New York City
1905	Hackenschmidt over Jenkins	Madison Square Garden	New York City
1908	Gotch over Hackenschmidt	Dexter Park Pavilion	Chicago
1913	Gotch retires, picks two men to battle for his crown		
1913	Henry Ordeman over Jess Westegaard		Omaha
1914	Charley Cutler over Ordeman		Minneapolis
1915	Joe Stecher over Cutler		Omaha
1917	Earl Caddock over Stecher		Omaha
1920	Stecher over Caddock	Madison Square Garden	New York City
1920	Ed (Strangler) Lewis over Stecher	71st Regiment Armory	New York City
1922	Stanislaus Zbyszko over Lewis	22nd Regiment Armory	New York City
1922	Lewis over Zbyszko	Wichita Municipal Forum	Wichita, Kan.
1925	Wayne Munn over Lewis	Convention Hall	Kansas City, Mo
1925	Zbyszko over Munn		Philadelphia
1925	Stecher over Zbyszko	Federal League ballpark	St. Louis
1928	Lewis over Stecher	Coliseum	St. Louis
1929	Gus Sonnenberg over Lewis	Boston Garden	Boston
1931	Ed Don George over Sonnenberg	Boston Garden	Boston
1931	Lewis over George	Wrigley Field	Los Angeles
1931	Henri DeGlane over Lewis by disqualification		Montreal
1931	George over DeGlane		Boston
(1929)	Dick Shikat over Jim Londos; claims title		Philadelphia
(1930)	Londos over Shikat		Philadelphia
(1932)	Lewis over Shikat	Garden Bowl	Long Island City
1933	Jim Browning over Lewis	Madison Square Garden	New York City
1934	Londos over Browning	Garden Bowl	Long Island City
1935	Danno O'Mahoney over Londos	Fenway Park	Boston
1935	O'Mahoney over Ed Don George, who had been claiming title since 1931 win over DeGlane		Boston
1936	Dick Shikat over O'Mahoney	Madison Square Garden	New York City
1936	Ali Baba over Shikat	Olympia	Detroit
1936	Dave Levin over Baba on disqualification; State Commission overrules; both claim title	Meadowbrook Bowl	Newark, N. J.
1936	Dean Detton over Levin	Philadelphia Arena	Philadelphia
1936	Everett Marshall over Baba; nine guys claiming title, including Detton, who lost it to Bronko Nagurski, who lost it to Lou Thesz	Haft's Acre	Columbus, Ohio
1937	Lou Thesz over Marshall	Kiel Auditorium	St. Louis
1938	Steve Casey over Thesz	Boston Garden	Boston
1938	Group of promoters recognize Marshall as champ when Casey is out of the country		
1939	Thesz over Marshall	Kiel Auditorium	St. Louis
1939	Bronko Nagurski over Thesz	Coliseum	Houston
1940	Ray Steele over Nagurski	Kiel Auditorium	St. Louis
1941	Nagurski over Steele	Minneapolis Auditorium	Minneapolis
1941	Sandor Szabo over Nagurski	Kiel Auditorium	St. Louis
1942	Bill Longson over Szabo	Kiel Auditorium	St. Louis
1942	Yvon Robert over Longson	Forum	Montreal
1942	Bobby Managoff over Robert	City Auditorium	Houston
1943	Longson over Managoff	Kiel Auditorium	St. Louis
1947	Whipper Watson over Longson	Kiel Auditorium	St. Louis
1947	Thesz over Watson	Kiel Auditorium	St. Louis
1947	Longson over Thesz	Kiel Auditorium	St. Louis
1948	Thesz over Longson	Coliseum	Indianapolis
1949	National Wrestling Alliance recognizes Thesz after Orville Brown is hurt in auto accident		
1956	Watson over Thesz	Maple Leaf Gardens	Toronto
1956	Thesz over Watson	St. Louis Arena	St. Louis
1957	Dick Hutton over Thesz	Maple Leaf Gardens	Toronto
1959	Pat O'Connor over Hutton	Kiel Auditorium	St. Louis
1961	Buddy Rogers over O'Connor	Comiskey Park	Chicago
1963	Thesz over Rogers	Maple Leaf Gardens	Toronto
1966	Gene Kiniski over Thesz	Kiel Auditorium	St. Louis
1969	Dory Funk, Jr., over Kiniski	Ft. Westerly Armory	Tampa, Fla.
1973	Harley Race over Funk	Memorial Auditorium	Kansas City,
1973	Jack Brisco over Race	Coliseum	Houston

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Harley Race held the NWA title for only 2 short months but the excellent way he defended it, on a rugged schedule, against serious challengers during that period, greatly increased his stature.

May 28 - lost Jack Brisco (dq) Savannah, Ga.
May 30 - beat Ron Fuller, Miami, Fla.
May 31 - beat Tim Woods, Jacksonville, Fla.
June 1 - drew Tim Woods, Atlanta, Ga.
June 2 - beat T-Bolt Patterson, St. Petersburg
June 6 - beat Danny Little Bear, Des Moines, Ia.
June 8 - beat Jose Lothario, Houston, Tex.
June 11 - beat Sean Regan, Vancouver, B.C.
June 12 - beat Dutch Savage, Portland, Ore.
June 15 - drew Bruno Sammartino, St.Louis, Mo.
June 20 - beat Danny Little Bear, Des Moines, Ia.
June 24 - beat Pat O'Connor, Toronto, Ont.
June 25 - drew Terry Funk, El Paso , Tex.
June 27 - drew Ricky Romero, Lubbock, Tex.
June 28 - drew Dory Funk Jr. Amarillo, Tex.
June 29 - beat Ivan Putski, Houston, Tex.
June 30 - drew Dory Funk Jr. Kansas City, Mo.
July 1 - drew Dory Funk Jr. Albuquerque, N.M.
July 2 - drew Jerry Brisco, Charlotte, N.C.
July 3 - beat Jonathan Boyd, Raleigh, N.C.
July 5 - beat Rip Hawk, Norfolk, Va.
July 12 - beat Ole Anderson, Norfolk, Va.
July 17 - beat Stan Stasiak, Portland, Ore.

Altho Harley lost the title on July 20 to Brisco in Houston, he continues to maintain a most successful record. On Oct. 5, Race won the Missouri State title from Gene Kiniski in St. Louis, then won their rematch on Nov. 2. Nov. 15 he took a 2-3 fall bout from Dory Funk Jr. Race is a combination of wrestling science and brutality, who can take it as well as dish it out. His career has certainly been enhanced in 1973 and it would be a surprise to no one if he would sometime in the near future, regain the title.

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July 20 - beat Harley Race, Houston, Tex.
July 25 - drew Paul Jones, Miami, Fla.
July 26 - beat Buddy Colt, Jacksonville, Fla.
Aug. 30 - beat Bobby Shane, Jacksonville, Fla.
Sep. 7 - beat Jonathan Boyd, Richmond, Va.
Sep. 12 - beat Bobby Shane, Miami, Fla.
Sep. 17 - lost Dory Funk Jr. dq. El Paso, Tex.
Oct. 5 - beat Gene Kiniski, St. Louis, Mo.
Oct. 15 - beat The Brute, Vancouver, B.C.
Oct. 16 - beat Bull Ramos, Portland, Ore.
Oct. 17 - beat Dutch Savage, Medford, Ore.
Oct. 18 - beat Ripper Collins, Salem, Ore.
Nov. 6 - beat Ken Lucas, Mobile, Ala.
Nov. 7 - drew Jose Lothario, San Antonio, Tex.
Nov. 13 - beat Terry Funk, Tampa, Fla.
Nov. 14 - beat Don Carson, Miami, Fla.
Nov. 16 - beat Terry Funk, St. Louis, Mo.
Nov. 19 - beat Rip Hawk, Greenville, S.C.
Nov. 22 - drew Dory Funk Jr. Greensboro, N.C.
Dec. 10 - beat Harley Race, El Paso, Tex.
Dec. 12 - drew Dick Murdoch, Amarillo, Tex.
Dec. 13 - drew Terry Funk, Lubbock, Tex.
Dec. 16 - beat Johnny Valentine, dq. Toronto
Dec. 17 - beat Jimmy Golden, Orlando, Fla.
Dec. 18 - beat Buddy Colt, Tampa, Fla.
Dec. 19 - beat Paul Jones, Miami, Fla.
Dec. 20 - beat Lou Thesz, Jacksonville, Fla.

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1974 Giant Baba Kagoshimi Japan 12-2
1974 Brisco Tokyo Japan 12-9
1975 Terry Funk Miami Fl 12-10
1977 Race Toronto 2-6
1979 Dusty Rhodes Tampa 8-21
1979 Race Orlando Fl 8-26
1979 Baba Nagoyoa Japan 10-31
1979 Race Amagaseki Japan 11-7
1900 Baba Saga Japan 9-4
1980 Race Otsu Japan 9-10
1981 Tommy Rich - Augusta Ga 4-27
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BELT SUBSEQUENTLY WENT TO AND FROM RIC FLAIR OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. PRESENTLY (3/92) HELD BY STING WHOSE 2nd TITLE REIGN WILL HOPEFULLY BE A WHOLE LOT MORE EVENTFUL THAN HIS FIRST!

THE HISTORY OF THE NWA JR.HWT BELT

8-14-34 Albion Britt won tourney in Hollywood Ca
36 Dude Chick
37 Sgt.Bob Kenaston
1-39 John Swenski
40 Leroy McGurik
51 McGurik was in an auto crash leaving him blind.Verne Gagne beat Sonny Myers in a tourney in Tulsa Ok.
53 Danny McShane Memphis Tn
54 Baron Leone Hollywood Ca
56 Edmund Francis Tulsa
56 Mike Dibiase Okl.City Ok
57 Mike Clancy Little Rock Ar
58 Angelo Savoldi Okl.City
60 Dan Hodge Okl.City
64 Hiro Mastuda Tampa Fl
65 Hodge Tulsa
71 Roger Kirby 5-20 New Orleans La
71 Ramon Torres 9-10 Monroe La
71 Dr.X(Jim Osborne)
72 Hodge 3-20 Shreveport La
73 Ken Mantell Jackson Ms 12-19
75 Mastuda 6-14 St.Petersburg Fl
76 Hodge Shreveport
76 Pat Barrett won a tourney 9-20. Hodge had to retire due to an auto crash
76 Ron Starr 12-2 New Orleans
76 Nelson Royal 12-6 Tulsa
78 Al Madril 6-25 Houston Tx
78 Royal 7-25 The belt was returned to Royal because Madril caught infectious hepatitis.
78 Royal Dec.retired
80 Starr 2-11 Tulsa won a tourney
80 Les Thornton March. Les got the belt when Starr failed to show for his bout with Les. Thornton lost to Starr in the finals of the tourney (2-11)
81 Jerry Brisco 9-13 Orlando Fl
81 Thornton 10-16 Knoxville Tn
82 Tiger Mask 5-25 Shizuoka Japan
83 Mask was injured during a bout vs Dynamite Kid 4-1 and the belt was declared vacant.
83 Mask beat Kuniski Kobayashi 6-2 Tokyo Japan in a elimination bout.
83 Mask retires in Aug.after he has conflicts with the promotion.
83 Cobra beat Davey Boy Smith 11-3 Tokyo to win the vacant belt.
85 Hiro Saito 7-28 Osaka Japan
85 Cobra 7-28 Osaka
85 Sept.the belt was declared vacant as New Japan called their Jr.hwt. champ the IWGP Jr.hwt.champ
86 Shiro Koshinaka beat Cobra 2-6 Tokyo finals of the tourney
86 Nobuhiko Takada 5-10 Tokyo
86 Koshinaka 9-15 Fukuoka Japan
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THIRD EVENT
JOSE LOTHARIO, Mexico, 235 VS KILLER KAHN, Mongolia, 280

FOURTH EVENT
KEVIN VON ERICH, Denton Co., 235 And SKIP YOUNG, Dallas, 235 VS (P.Y.T.'s) NORVEL AUSTIN, Memphis, 240 And KOKO WARE, Memphis, 240

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RIC FLAIR, Minneapolis, 245 VS GINO HERNANDEZ, Highland Park, 240

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SOUTHEASTERN TAG TITLE MATCH
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CHAMPIONS ARE MADE "IN THE RING"

Lou Thesz Writes He Will Meet Brown Whenever Orville Is Ready

BY LOU THESZ

CHAMPIONS are made in competition and in wrestling they should earn their titles in the ring. I appreciate in all sincerity the honor bestowed upon me by The National Wrestling Alliance in recognizing me as the heavyweight champion because of the "unavailability" of Orville Brown due to injuries he received in an automobile accident. But I do believe that a champion remains a champion until he is beaten or until he retires.

Because I was considered the champion by The National Wrestling Association, an organization of states, and Orville Brown possessed a similar honor from The National Wrestling Alliance, a group of the country's leading promoters, we had agreed to meet in St. Louis on Nov. 25. Unfortunately my opponent was hurt and the match had to be called off a day prior to our scheduled signing. Although I have believed that I was the champion and Brown felt the same way about himself, for the good of wrestling we were going to meet to settle the issue.

When the Alliance, at its meeting on Nov. 26 and 27, acting on the advice of the championship committee voted to declare me the champion the Alliance also ordered that I must meet Brown whenever he regains his health and is in condition to oppose me. They also ordered that if I should be beaten in the meantime the winner over me had to give Brown a title chance.

I want to declare here and now that I will defend the title recognitions of both organizations to the best of my ability but I also feel that Orville proved himself a true champion by coming to the conference in a wheel chair and I hereby promise him that whenever he is ready and in condition he will have first consideration for a match with me. If we ever step into the ring to wrestle each other, I think it only fair that he be announced as The National Wrestling Alliance Champion because in reality he has never lost that title.

Good luck to you, Orville. Get well quickly. You are truly a champion.

Lou Thesz

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Ric Flair

"People *must* respect me," Flair insists. "Look at the history books. I've beaten Race, Kerry Von Erich, Steamboat, Dusty Rhodes, Ron Garvin, and now Sting to earn seven NWA titles. That's history, baby. So let all the fans hoot and holler. Let all my opponents keep displaying their envy. I'll just keep carting my big championship purses straight to my broker. After all, the only records that *really* count are the ones they keep at the bank."

Race Briefly Relinquishes Laurels

During a harrowing trip to Japan, the World Heavyweight Championship again slipped briefly from the grasp of Harley Race.

On Oct. 31 in Nagoya, Race was beaten and dethroned by Shohei "Giant" Baba. On Nov. 7, Race defeated Baba in Amagaseki.

This was the second time in 1979 that Race was without the gold belt for a few days. On Aug. 21 in Tampa, Fla., Race was upset by "Dusty" Rhodes. Then, on Aug. 25 Race whipped Rhodes in Orlando.

Undoubtedly shaken by these bizarre incidents, Race is now demanding a clause calling for "a guaranteed and immediate rematch" whenever Harley risks the laurels.

St. Louis promoter Sam Muchnick, however, has refused to give Race what he wants. "I believe any deposed champion should get a return bout," stated Muchnick, "but in a reasonable amount of time. An immediate rematch is unfair to the new champion and is not in the best interests of wrestling.

"Whenever the champion defends the title in St. Louis, as he will at Kiel Auditorium Jan. 4, 1980, there will be no agreement for a guaranteed or immediate return bout," Muchnick noted. "That does not mean, though, that I would not attempt to eventually have another match between Race, or whoever had been the champion, and the new titleholder.

"The point is that I will not allow my hands to be tied by an agreement which I do not feel is for the good of everyone involved," concluded Muchnick.

Mr. O'Mahoney Undisputed Wrestling Champion

Boston newspaper men had a difficult time covering the Danno O'Mahoney-Ed Don George championship wrestling-bout last week. Twice O'Mahoney was thrown into their midst, but each time he returned to the ring. Once George occupied the press-section, but he did not return after a count of twenty.

As a result, the twenty-two-year-old Irishman, who used to be an Irish Free State soldier before he came to this country several months ago, became the first undisputed heavyweight wrestling-champion since Ed ("Strangler") Lewis.

Danno O'Mahoney . . . his victory ended in a riot

Right after O'Mahoney got the decision, however, James J. Braddock, referee and heavyweight boxing-champion, was constrained to drop one of George's seconds with a right hook to the jaw. The adviser in question rushed into the ring to dispute Braddock's opinion that O'Mahoney had won. He was accompanied by several other handlers, a number of irate fans, and a large detail of police. A battle raged for five minutes before order was restored, and Mr. O'Mahoney escorted to his dressing-room.

The two men—both of whom had claimed the title before last week—grappled for an hour and thirty minutes before the Irishman got the opening he was waiting for. Before he got it, George had tossed him into the press-section twice, but O'Mahoney scrambled back well within ten seconds.

After counting twenty with no signs of George returning to the ring, Braddock started to raise his hand, and announce his decision. This started the riot, and George's seconds insisted that Braddock had previously given Danno a long count. Timekeeper Charlie Heath agreed with Braddock.

The largest crowd ever to witness a wrestling-match, 45,000 persons, paid an estimated $70,000 to see the bout.

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WESTERN CANADA RATINGS
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Heavyweight Division

Champion: Jake Roberts
1. Big Daddy Ritter
2. Mr. Sakurada
3. Hercules Ayala
4. Leo Burke
5. Keith Hart
6. Mr. Hito
7. Neil Guay
8. Jim Neidhart

Mat champions put titles on line

Junior Heavyweight

Champion: Bret Hart
1. Dynamite Kid
2. Bruce Hart
3. Marty Jones
4. Cuban Assassin
5. Barabas
6. Andre Zvezda

Tag Team Division

Champions: Larry Lane and Dory Funk Jr.
1. Leo Burke and Keith Hart
2. Bruce Hart and Bret Hart
3. Marty Jones and Dynamite Kid
4. The Kiwis
5. Cuban Assassin and Barabas

Three world champions as well as famous "Superclass" champion Andre The Giant will be featured at Stampede Park this year as championship wrestling again takes its place as one of the top attractions of the Calgary Stampede.

There will be two programs, on Friday, July 7, in Victoria Pavilion, and Friday, July 14, in the Stampede Corral. Both cards start at 8 p.m.

After several weeks of negotiation, Calgary promoter Stu Hart has been able to sign world heavyweight champion Harley Race for a match with No. 1 challenger Dory Funk, Jr., who will be making his first bid to regain the title he lost to Race more than a year ago.

The bout will headline the July 7 card which will also see world junior heavyweight champion Nelson Royal face British Columbia Commonwealth title-holder, the Dynamite Kid, and world midget champion, Little Tokyo, meet an as yet unnamed opponent. There will also be an international tag team championship match.

While matches on the second mat program will depend upon outcome of the opening card, Andre the Giant has already been signed to take part in one of them. At 450 pounds, seven feet, six inches in height, the well-proportioned Andre has attracted wide attention when he has appeared in Calgary before.

Winners of the first-night title bouts have also been signed to open contracts for the Corral program and there will be strong supporting events at each performance.

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WRESTLING

STAMPEDE PAVILION, FRI. SEPT. 29, 8:30 P.M.

Kasavubu vs Paddy Ryan (Foley handcuffed to Lelani!) ★ Taped Fist Match! Norman Frederick Charles III vs Bret Hart ★ Raoul Castillo vs Alo Lelani ★ Mike Hammer & Denny Alberts vs Mike York & Miguel Perez ★ Fidel Castro vs Jimmy Rougeau ★ Sandy Scott vs John Foley

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WRESTLING

STAMPEDE PAVILION, FRI., SEPT. 22, 8:30 P.M.

NORTH AMERICAN TITLE BOUT! NO COUNTOUT/NO DISQUALIFICATIONS! PADDY RYAN, champion VS. KASAVUBU, challenger ★ ALO LELANI VS. RAOUL CASTILLO ★ BRITISH COMMONWEALTH CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH: NORMAN FREDERICK CHARLES III, champion VS. BRET HART, challenger ★ MIKE HAMMER VS. FIDEL CASTILLO ★ MAGNIFICENT ZULU VS. MIKE YORK ★ JOHN FOLEY & MIGUEL PEREZ VS. JIMMY ROUGEAU & WILLIE BAXTER ★ $2.50 to $4.50, children half price ★ Reservations Bay 262-7839, Chinook 252-2861.

WRESTLING

STAMPEDE PAVILION
FRI., SEPT. 1, 8:30 P.M.

★ NORTH AMERICAN TITLE BOUT! MR. SAKURADA, CHAMPION VS PADDY RYAN, CHALLENGER ★ RAOUL & FIDEL CASTILLO VS ALO LELANI & MIKE HAMMER ★ KEITH HART VS NORMAN CHARLES III ★ JERRY MORROW VS MR. HITO ★ MIKE YORK VS BRET HART ★ JOHN FOLEY VS WILLIE BAXTER

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WRESTLING

STAMPEDE PAVILION, FRI., SEPT. 15, 8:30 P.M.

NORTH AMERICAN TITLE BOUT! NO DISQUALIFICATIONS! PADDY RYAN, CHAMPION *VS* KASAVUBU, CHALLENGER ★ RAOUL CASTILLO & FIDEL CASTILLO *VS* MAGNIFICENT ZULU & JIMMY ROUGEAU ★ BRET HART *VS* NORMAN FREDERICK CHARLES III ★ ALO LELANT *VS* MIKE YORK ★ MIKE HAMMER *VS* MIGUEL PEREZ ★ FOLEY *VS* BAXTER ★

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WRESTLING

STAMPEDE PAVILION, FRI., FEB. 23, 8:30 P.M.

GRUDGE MATCH! BRET HART vs MARTY JONES ● **WORLD'S GREATEST MIDGETS** ● **8 MAN ELIMINATION TAG:** HERCULES AYALA & MR. TITO & MR. SAKURADA & BIG DADDY RITTER vs JAKE ROBERTS & KEITH HART & JIM NEIDHART & MR. WRESTLING ● KONO & LAWRENCE vs THE OUTLAWS ● CUBAN ASSASSIN vs SANDY SCOTT ●

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STAMPEDE PAVILION
FRI., JAN. 19, 8:30 P.M.

NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH! BIG DADDY RITTER, CHAMPION, SECONDED BY JOHN FOLEY VS GIL HAYES, CHALLENGER, SECONDED BY JIM NEIDHART * MR. WRESTLING VS DYNAMITE KID * KEITH HART & BRET HART VS MR. HITO & MR. SAKURADA * BRUCE HART VS NORMAN CHARLES III * HERCULES AYALA VS LOUIS LAURENCE * DUKE KONO VS BOB BOUCHER

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WRESTLING IN THE GREAT NORTHWEST

Seattle, Washington, has long been the hub of Northwest wrestling, with Bib Murray as promoter and Tex Porter as matchmaker for the seaport city, as well as other smaller Washington Cities, including Bremerton, Everett, Burlington, Wenatchee and Yakima. Bob and Tex also furnish talent for various other promoters throughout the Northwest, including Paavo Kentonen, well known former wrestler, who promotes in the joining city of Tacoma. Cliff Olsen, former great heavyweight, handles the cities of Olympia and Hoquium, where he has done a great job. Two of the major northwest British Columbia cities are afiliated with the Murray promotions. Vancouver shows to capacity crowds with Cliff Parker as promoter ,while the Capitol city of Victoria is handled by the able promotion of Larry Marshall.

Although the junior heavyweights seem to be the top favorites of the fans, the top ranking heavyweights of the nation, make regular visits to Seattle and the Northwest. World Champion Lou Thesz, has defended his title against such outstanding contenders as Luther Lindsey, the colored heavyweight champion, Ben Sharp, Primo Carnera, Buddy Curtis, Buddy Knox and Hombre Montana, during the past several years.

Among the Junior heavyweights who are top box office attractions, are Roger Mackey, Carl Engstrom, Kurt von Poppenheim, George Dusette, Pepper Gomez, Dick Torio, Jerry Woods, Jack O'Reilly, George Drake, Gino Angelo, Cal Roberts, Bud Rattal, Johnny Demchuk Danno McDonald, Ed "Scotty" Williams, Luigi Macera, Dr. Lee Grable, Bronco Lubich, Leo Wallick, Dave Jons. Jam La Rock, Frank Schnider and Al Fridell.

Frank Stojack, many times holder of the world's Lightheavyweight title and belt, is a native of Tacoma and a perennial favorite of all Northwest fans. Frank was a great all-round athlete in his school days, and mentioned as All-American while playing guard at Washington State College. Stojack polled the highest vote in the field when elected to the City Council of Tacoma. Another great lightweight favorite is Jack Kiser, Coast title holder from Portland, Oregon, Victorio Ochoa, the Spanish title holder made a great record in his recent trip through the Northwest.

Although the Pacific Northwest is in the far corner of our nation, it has long been a favorite territory for the top stars of the mat world, due to the friendly and congenial spirit of the people of this section of the country. Another attraction, is the unlimited outdoor activity which all the mat men enjoy in their very limited spare time. There is no other part of the country that surpasses the salmon fishing, deer hunting, and bird shooting. In addition there is year around golfing, and winter sports of all sorts on the slopes of beautiful Mt. Rainier. And on the beaches of the Pacific can be found the butter and razor clams, oysters for the picking, and the world famous Dungeness crab, all for the fun of gathering.

Another incentive for getting the top stars is the fact that Murray and Porter work hand in hand with Don Owens, Oregon Promoter, and Tex Hager, Eastern Washington and Idaho impresario, in exchanging talent. Both Bob and Tex have looked after the destinies of Seattle wrestling for over twenty years, and look forward to 1955 being the banner year of all!

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Semi-Final 1 Fall, 45 Mins.
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Special Event 1 Fall 20 Mins.
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vs	vs
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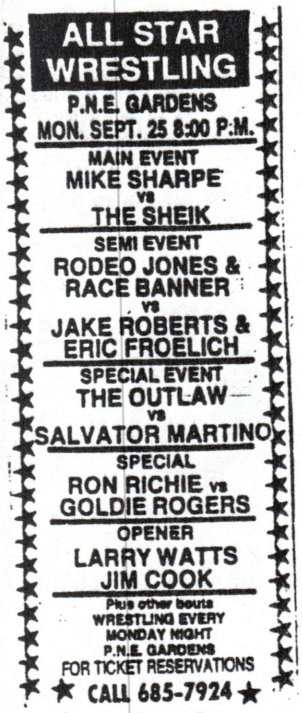
HENNING NIELSEN'S MEMORIES OF VANCOUVER

I grew up in the Vancouver, Canada area in the 60's and we had a healthy wrestling promotion run by Sandor Kovacs (now a WWF spot promoter agent in Vancouver). He ran a smooth 5 day a week operation here. He could draw Don Leo Jonathan and Gene Kiniski living here, so he used them constantly for many years. He also brought in The Original Kangaroos, The Original Assassins, The Tolos Brothers and they stayed for over one year each, providing us with great tag-team action. Abdullah wrestled here for 1 1/2 years when he was just starting out with only a 40 inch waist, which is about 22 inches and 22 years ago. He teamed with Dr. Jerry Graham. They held our World tag title and Canadian tag titles for a while. I guess you could say Abdullah apprenticed blading for Jerry!!! And I guess he also has followed the same diet since Abdullah only weighed 280 pounds back then. We really had some bloodbaths between Graham/Abdullah, Tolos Brothers, Assassins, Don Leo Jonathon & Kiniski in different matches against each other.

We also had a steady flow of other great wrestlers of the time such as Shibuya, Bearcat Wright, Bobo Brazil, Ray Stevens, Karl Gotch, Les Thornton, Lou Thesz, Pat O'Connor, Whipper Watson, Killer Kowalski, McClarity Brothers; Dory Funk Sr., Jr. and Terry Funk all wrestled here regularly. Don Muraco and Larry Zysysko started learning the ropes here wrestling as Don Morrow and Larry Whistler. Muraco lost almost all his prelim matches, Zybysko doing considerably better.

(I'm also trying to get some results of Roy McClarity matches since I'm helping Roy collect some memorabilia from his career. He lost it in a fire. I need results from 1955-61. Hope someone can help me. I have results from Vancouver from 1958 until 1980 including TV results).



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PACIFIC COAST LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE

JACK LIPSCOMB	
GEORGE WAGNER	5/10/43
TONY ROSS	
GEORGE WAGNER	11/1/43
?	
JACK KISER	
PAAVO KEOTON	7/28/45
AL SIASI	5/6/46
PAAVO KEOTON	
BILLY GOELTZ	
GRAY MASK	2/3/47
BILLY HICKSON	
GYPSY JOE DORSETTI	
GORDON HESSELL	
TEX HAGER	
JACK O'REILLY	1/15/49
BEN SHERMAN	3/3/49
BUCK WEAVER	3/26/49
JACK O'REILLY	1/1/50
EDDIE WILLIAMS	6/16/50
ANDY TREMAINE	1952
MASKED MARVEL	
ROGER MACKEY	
FRANK STOJACK	1953
DANNY MCSHAIN	
FRANK STOJACK	
CARL ENGSTROM	1954 BECOMES A VANCOUVER BASED TITLE
BUDDY KNOX	3/24/54
FRANK STOJACK	

LAST RECORD OF THIS TITLE

TITLES WERE DEFENDED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN PORTLAND & VANCOUVER. MY RESEARCH SHOWS FROM THE VANCOUVER REPORTS I HAVE THEY DIDN'T RECOGNIZE THEY WERE 2 DIFFERENT TITLES AND CALLED THEM THE PACIFIC COAST JR TITLE WHERE IN ABOUT 1950 THE TITLE THAT WAS REALLY BEING DEFENDED WAS THE PACIFIC COAST LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE. WITH CARL ENGSTROMS TITLE REIGN IN EARLY 1954, I ONLY HAVE RECORD OF THIS BELT BEING DEFENDED IN VANCOUVER.

STARTING BACK IN LATE 1956 THE PACIFIC COAST JR HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE WAS AGAIN BEING DEFENDED IN VANCOUVER.

PACIFIC COAST TV TITLE

JERRY MORROW	
TIM FLOWERS	8/83

PACIFIC COAST TAG TITLES
VANCOUVER

LOU THESZ & OUTLAW	EARLY 1961
GUY & JOE BRUNETTI WIN TOURNAMENT	2/20/61
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BILLY WATSON & MR. KLEEN	3/5/62
GENE KINISKI & HARDBOILED HAGGERTY	3/26/62
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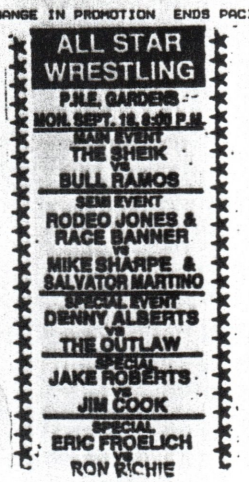

NW TAG CHAMPIONSHIP
VANCOUVER

KURT VON POPPENHEIM & ANDY TREMAINE	9/10/52
KURT VON POPPENHEIM & JOHNNY CRETORIAN	
FRANK STOJACK & CARL ENGSTROM	1/7/53
KURT VON POPPENHEIM & JOHNNY CRETORIAN	1/21/53
VACANT	
PAUL DEGALLES & TARZAN POTVIN	4/8/53
DANNO MACDONALD & DAVID JONS	4/22/53
PEPPER GOMEZ & JOHNNY DEMCHUK	?
IVAN KAMEROFF & DOC GALLAGHER	10/21/53
PEPPER GOMEZ & JOHNNY DEMCHUK	10/28/53
GEORGE & DOC GALLAGHER	12/23/53
IVAN KAMEROFF & PEPPER GOMEZ	12/30/53
?	
BUDDY KNOX & BUCK WEAVER	9/29/54
JACK KISER & JIM LAROC	
IVAN & BORIS KAMEROFF	11/3/54
VACANT	
IVAN KAMEROFF & RED VAGNONE	
?	
TEX MCKENSIE & KEN KENNETH	11/9/55
BOB WAGNER & DON KINDRED	11/30/55
VACANT	
MIGHTY URSUS & BOB WAGNER	2/1/56
STU HART & PAT MEEHAN	9/26/56
NO RECORDS FROM 1957	
GEORGE STRICKLAND & CLAIR ROBINSON	1/1/58
?	
KURT VON POPPENHEIM & ERIC VON HIMMLER	4/6/59

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7/79

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TONIGHT, 8:00 P.M.
PACIFIC COAST CHAMPIONSHIP

Gene Kiniski vs Jean Louie
(Challenger) (Champion)

BOBBY JAGGERS vs ADRIAN ADONIS

MIDGET MATCH
BILLY THE KID vs TINY TOM

SIGFRIED STANKE vs ERIC EMERY

MIDGET MATCH
BUTCH vs COWBOY LANG

GO RYUMA vs ERIC FROELICH

BRUCE REED vs SUTOMU OSHIRO

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PACIFIC COAST JR HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE
PORTLAND & VANCOUVER

GUST JOHNSON		
GEORGE DUSSETTE	3/26/45	
JACK LIPSCOMB	7/30/45	
JOE LYNAM	12/10/45	
BRUNO ANGELO	4/2/46	
GEORGE DUSSETTE	6/27/46	
PETE BELACASTRO	9/9/46	
HERB PARKS		
JACKIE NICHOLS	8/28/47	
FRANK STOJACK	12/14/47	
GORDON HESSELL	4/28/48	
FRANK STOJACK		
JACK MCLAUGHLIN	6/8/49	
TONY ROSS	9/21/49	WON TOURNAMENT
BUCK WEAVER	10/10/49	
AL SZABZ	11/1/49	
BOB CUMMINGS	1/15/50	
LEO WALLICK	7/1/50	
FRANK STOJACK		
ANDY TREMAINE	3/26/51	
DALE HADDOCK	6/28/51	
FRENCHY ROY	8/18/51	
FRANK STOJACK	2/22/52	
ROGER MACKEY	9/20/52	
FRANK STOJACK	1/15/53	
ROGER MACKEY	12/17/53	
TOMMY MARTINDALE	5/14/54	
KURT VON POPPENHEIM	6/11/54	
LUIGI MACERA	11/11/54	
KURT VON POPPENHEIM	12/10/54	
PEPPER GOMEZ	2/24/55	
VACANT		
LARRY CHENE	2/24/56	
BULL MONTANA	5/18/56	
KURT VON POPPENHEIM	6/8/56	
RED BASTEIN	1/6/57	
KURT VON POPPEHNEIM	1/18/57	
LUIGI MACERA	2/25/57	END OF PORTLAND
ED FRANCIS	5/15/57	
BOB CUMMINGS TOURNAMENT	6/12/57	

VANCOUVER DECIDES TO KEEP PACIFIC COAST TITLE GOING AND HOLDS TOURNAMENT.

BUDDY KNOX WINS TOURNAMENT 5/14/58
KURT VON POPPENHEIM

THE PORTLAND PROMOTION CHANGED OVER FROM A JR HEAVYWEIGHT PROMOTION TO USING HEAVYWEIGHTS AT THIS POINT.

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CANADIAN TAG TITLES
VANCOUVER

DAN MILLER & SANDOR KOVACS	11/12/62	
GENE KINISKI & MR. X	2/11/63	
KINJI SHIBUYA & MITSU ARAKAWA	3/11/63	
RON ETCHINSON & DAN MILLER	7/22/63	
KINJI SHIBUYA & SWEET DADDY SIKI	10/1/63	
DON LEO JONATHON & KINJI SHIBUYA WIN TOURNAMENT		1/20/64
BEARCAT WRIGHT & ENRIQUE TORRES	4/13/64	
ROY HEFFERNAN & AL COSTELLO	5/25/64	
DON LEO JONATHON & ROY MCCLARTY	9/28/64	
ROY HEFFERNAN & AL COSTELLO	10/19/64	
GENE KINISKI & DON LEO JONATHON	1/11/65	
ROY HEFFERNAN & AL COSTELLO	2/15/65	
RED BASTEIN & JIM HADY	3/1/65	
ROY HEFFERNAN & AL COSTELLO	3/22/65	
DON LEO JONATHON & JIM HADY	5/17/65	
ART NELSON & IVAN KAMEROFF	9/20/65	
PADDY BARRETT & TIM GEOHAGEN	11/8/65	
JOHN TOLOS & BLACK TERROR	1/31/66	
PADDY BARRAT & TIM GEOHAGEN	2/21/66	
JOHN TOLOS & TONY BORNE	5/23/66	
DON LEO JONATHON & HAYSTACK CALHOUN	7/4/66	
TONY BORNE & JOHN TOLOS	7/11/66	
DUTCH SAVAGE & DON JARDINE	9/26/66	
DON LEO JONATHON & DOM DENUCCI	10/31/66	
JOHN & CHRIS TOLOS	1/16/67	
DON LEO JONATHON & ROCKY JOHNSON	4/3/67	
JOHN & CHRIS TOLOS	4/24/67	
ABDULLA THE BUTCHER & JERRY GRAHAM	10/23/67	
ASSASSINS	12/4/67	
DON LEO JONATHON & SKY HI JONES	3/25/68	
ASSASSINS	4/15/68	
DON LEO JONATHON & HAYSTACK CALHOUN	6/3/68	
ABDULLA THE BUTCHER & ARMEIN HUSSEIN	7/1/68	
DON LEO JONATHON & PADDY BARRETT	7/22/68	
DUTCH SAVAGE & STAN STASIAK	9/2/68	
DON LEO JONATHON & JOHNNY KOSTAS	9/23/68	
DUTCH SAVAGE & JOHN TOLOS	12/9/68	
TOLOS & SAVAGE BROKE UP		
DEAN HIGUCHI & EARL MAYNARD WIN TOURN	5/12/69	
DUTCH SAVAGE & BULLDOG BROWN	6/9/69	
DON LEO JONATHON & JOHN TOLOS	8/25/69	
DUTCH SAVAGE & BULLDOG BROWN	9/29/69	
DEAN HIGUCHI & STEVE BOLOS		
JOHN QUINN & BULLDOG BROWN	2/9/70	
DON LEO JOANTHON & DUNCAN MCTAVISH	9/7/70	
CHATTI YOKUCHI & YASU FUJI	10/12/70	
DON LEO JONATHON & STEVEN LITTLE BEAR	11/9/70	
DUTCH SAVAGE & JOHN QUINN	2/15/71	
STEVEN LITTLE BEAR & DEAN HIGUCHI	3/15/71	
SKULL BROTHERS	6/14/71	
STEVEN LITTLE BEAR & DEAN HIGUCHI	7/5/71	
GENE KINISKI & BULLDOG BROWN	10/11/71	
STEVEN LITTLE BEAR & MARK LEWIN	11/29/71	
GENE KINISKI & BULLDOG BROWN	1/24/72	
STEVEN LITTLE BEAR & DUTCH SAVAGE	4/17/72	
JOHN QUINN & BULLDOG BROWN	8/7/72	
STEVEN LITTLE BEAR & DUTCH SAVAGE	8/14/72	
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THE BRUTE & MIKE WEBSTER	1/22/73	
JOHN QUINN & GERRY ROMANO	7/16/73	
GENE KINISKI & THE BRUTE	8/20/73	
AFA & SIKA ANOIA	11/5/73	
MR X & BUCK RAMSTEAD	12/17/73	
FLASH GORDON & LEO MADRIL/	1/28/74	
GENE KINISKI & MR. X		
DAN KROFFAT & LEO MADRIL	4/29/74	
THE BRUTE & MR. X	5/27/74	
GENE KINISKI & DUTCH SAVAGE	8/5/74	
DAN KROFFAT & WAYNE BRIDGES	10/28/74	
GENE KINISKI & MR. SAITO	11/11/74	
GUY MITCHELL & ORMAND MALUMBA	3/3/75	
GENE KINISKI & DALE LEWIS	5/19/75	
GUY MITCHELL & RICKY HUNTER	6/16/75	
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DON LEO JONATHON & DUTCH SAVAGE	1/17/76	
JOHN ANSON & SKY HI MORSE	3/14/77	

PACIFIC COAST TITLE VANCOUVER

MARK LEWIN WINS TITLE	2/9/70
GENE KINISKI	4/13/70
DON LEO JONATHON	6/22/70
BULLDOG BROWN	
DON LEO JONATHON	12/7/70
GENE KINISKI	12/28/70
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STEVEN LITTLE BEAR	5/29/72
GENE KINISKI	6/26/72
THE BRUTE	3/29/73
SEAN REGAN	4/23/73
MIKE WEBSTER	
THE BRUTE	8/6/73
FLASH GORDON	2/14/74
MR. X	4/1/74
GENE KINISKI	10/14/74
GUY MITCHELL	1/20/75
DON LEO JONATHON	4/21/75
SEIGFRIED STEINKE	5/5/75
GENE KINISKI	
DON LEO JONATHON	1/5/76
KINJI SHIBUYA	3/8/76
JOHN TOLOS	7/12/76
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DON LEO JONATHON	12/13/76
GENE KINISKI	1/10/77
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MIKE SHARPE	6/27/77
MR. X (GUY MITCHELL)	8/22/77
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JEAN LOUIE	5/14/79
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SEIGFRIED STEINKE	10/15/79
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JAY YOUNGBLOOD	2/81
CANADIAN CHAMP	
SILVANO SOUSA	
AL TOMKO	5/31/82
MR. PRO (BUCK RAMSTEAD)	9/20/82
MOOSE MOROWSKI	11/15/82
IGOR VOLKOFF	3/83
AL TOMKO	5/83
SNAKE WILLIAMS	12/83
TEXAS OUTLAW & JOE PALARDY WIN TOURN	4/25/77
EDDIE & JERRY MORROW	7/11/77
BLACK AVENGER & TEXAS OUTLAW	
MR. X & ERIC FROLICH	8/29/77
THE BLACK AVENGER & MIKE SHARPE	10/3/77
GAMA SINGH & IGOR VOLKOFF	12/21/77
DON WAYT & BLACK AVENGER	1/25/78
DON LEO JONATHON & JOHN QUINN	2/27/78
IRON SHEIK & TEXAS OUTLAW TOURNAMENT	7/24/78
MIKE SHARPE & SAL MARTINO	10/9/78
UFO & IGOR VOLKOFF	
SAL MARTINO & BILL CODY	2/12/79
THE MONGOL & IGOR VOLKOFF	3/12/79
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BOBBY JAGGERS & CHRIS COLT	
BOBBY BASS & YAKI JOE	
BUDDY ROSE & CHRIS COLT	11/12/79
DUTCH SAVAGE & STAN STASIAK	12/79
SHEEPHERDERS	2/80
RODDY PIPER & RICK MARTEL	5/80
RIP OLIVER & FIDEL CORTEZ	10/80
JAY YOUNGBLOOD & JOE VENTURA	11/80
BUDDY ROSE & RIP OLIVER	1/81
MOONDOG MORETTI & TERRY ADONIS	5/81
KLONDIKE MIKE & DANNY O	6/81
AL TOMKO & IGOR VOLKOFF	9/81
DEAN HO & KLONDIKE MIKE	11/81

END OF CANADIAN TAG TITLES

THEN FORMED INTERNATIONAL TAG TITLES

RICKI & RAMONE TORRES	
DEAN HO & SONNY MYERS	
TERRY ADONIS & BRUISER COSTA	4/3/82
DEAN HO & MOONDOG MORETTI	8/23/82
MOOSE MOROWSKI & AL TOMKO	2/83
TIM FLOWERS & TERRY ADONIS	3/83
BUZZ TYLER & BULLDOG BROWN	5/83

CANADIAN TAG TITLES FORMED AGAIN

TIM FLOWERS & RICK PATTERSON	
BULLDOG BROWN & AL TOMKO	7/83
RICK PATTERSON & RANDY RICK	11/83

COMPILED BY MIKE RODGERS

And in the Blue Corner . . .

By JOHN JOHNSON

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His blue gaze sweeps the back rows high along the walls, counting the house. About 12,000?

"About that, maybe a bit more. Not bad."

Does Frank Tunney, after all the years, still worry about the gate? "Not really. Just habit, I guess. Our fans are pretty steady — I see faces here tonight I recognize from 20 years ago."

Frank Tunney — anybody's favorite uncle, pink and friendly as a senior cherub — has been selling ritualized mayhem around this town since before some of his best customers were born. Other wrestling promoters have tried to grab chunks of the action, but they didn't last.

Frank won't talk about his money, but it's obvious he isn't struggling. He admits he could retire comfortably, then adds, laughing: "What the hell for? I've been having fun all my life . . . why stop now?" He throws his arms wide as if to embrace Maple Leaf Gardens, the ring, the crowd.

The last of the fans drift in now; there isn't much mink here and few of the stylish, enamelled women who bring an air of carnival to such fashionable spectacles as Maple Leafs home games or the Ice Follies. The expense-account faces are absent — and a seat in the golds costs just $6.50 tonight.

The feeling of anticipation carries a tautness, an almost hushed air of concentration. Wrestling fans care about their heroes, and the caring goes deep. Simply wearing a team jersey with No. 27 on the back isn't the same thing. Tunney refuses to listen to any suggestion that his customers are perhaps less sophisticated than, say, Leafs fans.

It's almost time to begin, and Frank has some last-minute details to handle. I wander around the fringes of the ringside area, where the really faithful tend to gather.

A small, intense, sweaty man grabs my arm and pours out his alarm at the Canadian champ's plight (his opponent is no boy scout).

"It's gonna be fierce, I'm tellin' ya! You watch!"

My small friend scuttles off, and the house lights dim. A hokey military march blares from the PA, followed by the curious Gardens production of O Canada in which flags fly in a mechanical breeze.

The ring announcer, resplendent in black tie and tux, reaches for the overhead microphone. ". . . And in the Blue Corner, weighing . . ." Cheers. The crowd's favorite is nearly always in the Blue Corner.

No strangling

It's a good, fast bout. The two young wrestlers are in splendid shape and they move lightly and cleanly — no strangling or gouging or hair-pulling. Blue Corner wins and a buzz of satisfaction fills the building; the Universe is beginning to unfold as it should. Still, this was just a preliminary bout. The full emotional energy of the fans hasn't been called forth.

Like a well-crafted play, the crises and sub-climaxes build. The wrestlers become progressively bigger and tougher, the dirty tricks dirtier. The fans' aroused buzzing grows to an angry roar.

Intermission.

The hot dogs are good, the coffee terrible. Somehow my sweaty friend manages to find me again. He's almost incoherent — his hero comes up in the next bout but one.

"I mean, jeez! He's our champ an' these bloody Yanks get away with murder . . . I dunno . . ." This man takes his heroism straight. The 16-year-old girls, in tight T-shirts and too much lipstick, obviously feel the same way. This is serious business.

The lights blink to signal the second half of the card.

Our champ is more competent than spectacular and the match goes the way the gods, in justice, would intend. Oh, he endures agony beyond imagining and the shocking ineffectuality of the referee, but it all works out. The crowd's roar is a paean to the ultimate rightness of things.

The feature pits the U.S. title-holder against a character named Ric (Nature Boy) Flair, a strikingly handsome type who is best known for owning the largest and most flamboyant wardrobe of dressing-gowns in the business. Tonight's little number is a stunning creation in floor-length, peacock-embroidered shocking pink. He bounds into the ring, swishing.

As it turns out, Flair is about as effete as a Panzer Division, and a hell of a lot meaner. It's a wild, tough bout with more than a touch of theatre — and it isn't going to hurt next week's gate one bit. The fans can go home content that the evening paid for itself.

So can Frank Tunney.

"Let's just say I didn't see myself as a dairy farmer for the rest of my life," Tunney muses over a second beer. The farm was in Milliken, a hamlet that can expect to wake up any morning to find itself engulfed by the northward thrust of Agincourt. Still, it must have been a serene, pretty setting in the early '30s when young Frank, a spanking new diploma from Markham Collegiate in his suitcase, climbed aboard the local and went to find the bright lights. He was 19.

For him, the bright lights shone at the old Queensbury Athletic Club where he found his first job as secretary to the Old Impresario, Jack Corcoran.

"No, I wasn't all that interested in the fight game, but I liked the place . . . the action . . . and I liked Jack. A very fine man, like a father."

It's still Frank's first job: He took over the business in 1939 when Corcoran became too ill to carry on.

Underfinanced — everybody was underfinanced in those days — all Tunney had to do was survive the tail end of a killing Depression, in a game that didn't deal in big bucks at the best of times. He was 26.

It's a long way from the farm in Milliken to the elegant dining room of the Westbury, but the maitre d' greets Frank by name. The fuchsia shirt, striped tie and checked sports jacket somehow serve to make him distinguished in this room of [illegible] in earnest suits, and the effect isn't lost on the little glory of girls at the next table.

Lunch is fine, the service expert rather than obsequious, and we can talk.

"That old Queensbury was a nuthouse and I loved it! And you know who the bigges crazies were? The newspaper types . . . I don't know how they got away with it, hanging around all the time. And then there were the guys who had nothing to do but sit around reading the Racing News all day. They didn't even watch the workouts."

Quite a scrapper

Despite the cherubic smile, Tunney is quite a scrapper. He must have made some enemies back in the days when he was fighting to keep his franchise, but you don't hear from them. Did he ever climb into the ring himself?

"Well, yeah . . . boxing, mostly. But I never could've won anything. No killer instinct, I guess."

Lunch over, we pile into his magnificent '51 Caddy and head for the Queensbury A.C. The gym and the ring and the sweat are gone. The club is now just a corporate name and an office, and the wrestlers work out on their own.

The office is just about what you'd expect a promoter's office to be: A comfortable clutter, as if huge men kept dropping in and bumping into things. Hundreds of old photos hide the walls; a favorite is a smiling shot of Muhammad Ali — Tunney promoted his fight with George Chuvalo 15 years ago.

Frank's assistants, Norm and Jack, are amiable giants who generally watch the store and leave Frank free to travel and deal with new headliners — and field questions from naive writers:

Is all this for real? Are these guys really fighting when they get up there in the ring?

"Well, you've seen them. These are strong men and they keep themselves in terrific shape. Is this kind of man gonna be willing to lose — purposely?"

Assuming that answers my question — and I don't say it does — what about all the hambone acting, the strutting and leering and ridiculous costumes?

"Call it advertising. Image. These guys are businessmen, remember . . . some of them make hundreds of thousands a year, and they don't get that way by being forgettable, winners or not. The costumes, even the leers, are just trademarks. Lake Ali's mouth."

Is Tunney telling me there are no Good Guys and Bad Guys?

"The fans pick their own. They might hate a wrestler because he's from Buffalo, or because his boots are pink. We don't tell them who to hate."

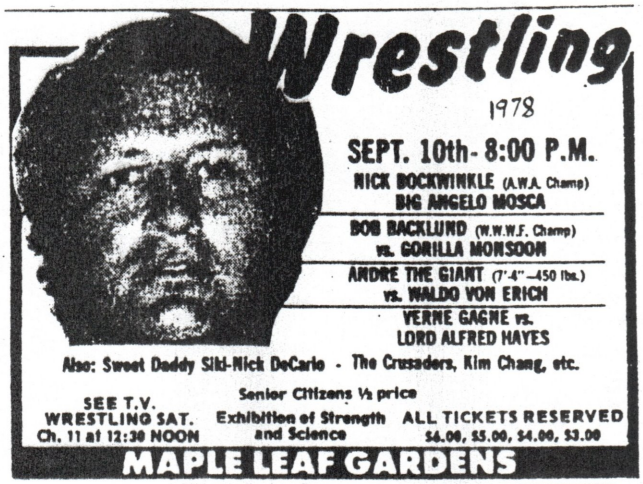
How does he feel about selling theatre in the guise of sport? Isn't he taking advantage of people who want to believe?

Frank laughs: "Seen any Argo games lately? Look. You saw the fights last night and you're a skeptic. But were you entertained? Did you yell? Even once?"

I was and I did. I have to admit it.

"There you are. My customers know what they're buying — and I always deliver."

Maybe there's not so much wrong with believing, after all. Last night's crowd was having a hell of a fine time. Without expense accounts.



Wrestling results

MAIN EVENT

Bob Backlund retained his WWWF championship by defeating Gorilla Monsoon with a body block and top spread at 20:21.

OTHER MATCHES

Andre The Giant defeated Nick Bockwinkle (counted out of the ring) at 14:46.

Vern Gagne pinned Lord Alfred Hayes at 14:13.

Sweet Daddy Siki drop kicked Kim Chang into submission at 10:00.

Steve Bolus and The Wild Man fought to a draw.

Andre The Giant defeated Waldo Von Erich.

Billy Red Lyons and Nick De Carlo defeated the team of The Wolfman and Chris Tolas at 16:24.

COMING UP

The next wrestling card at Maple Leaf Gardens will be Sunday, Oct. 22 with Nature Boy Rick Flair the headliner.

Wrestling

The same storm that kept Toronto Maple Leafs from reaching Chicago yesterday prevented wrestler Harley Race from leaving the Windy City.

Race, the National Wrestling Alliance champ, was scheduled to meet United States champion Ricky Steamboat in the main event last night at Maple Leaf Gardens, but Race was unable to leave Chicago.

Ken Patera and his tag-team partner, Big John Studd, flipped a coin for the right to substitute for Race. Studd won and Steamboat kept the title with a victory.

In another title bout, Canadian champion Dino Bravo won by disqualification over American Wrestling Alliance champ Nick Bockwinkle but Bravo can't claim the AWA title because a title doesn't change hands on a disqualification.

In other bouts, Tiger Jeet Singh defeated Nature Boy Flair; Dewey Robertson pinned Sgt. Jacques Goulet; Waldo Von Erich defeated Nick DiCarlo; The Wild Man and Sweet Daddy Siki fought to a draw and Patera and Studd combined for a tag-team victory over Tony Atlas and Jay Youngblood.

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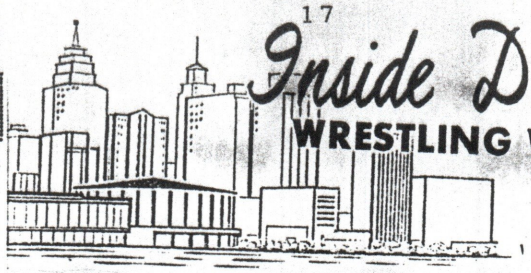

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BIG TIME WRESTLING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1969
COBO CONVENTION ARENA
8 GREAT MATCHES
FIRST BOUT: 8:30 P.M.

✓ CHECK THE WINNER — X THE LOSER

MAIN EVENT
FOR THE WORLD'S HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP
U. S. Heavyweight Champion — British Empire Heavyweight Champion
☑ The SHEIK — vs. — Billy WATSON ☐

"Western Star" — New Jersey
☑ Buddy ROGERS — vs. — Gordon NELSON ☐
☑ Lord Athol LAYTON — vs. — Bulldog BROWER ☐

TAG TEAM MATCH
☑ Haystacks CALHOUN (Morgan's Corners, Ark.) — Flying Freddie CURRY (Hartford, Conn.) — vs. — The STOMPER (Hamilton, Ont.) — Emile DUPRE (Halifax, Nova Scotia) ☐

☑ Lou THESZ (Phoenix) — vs. — Killer Joe CHRISTY (Chicago) ☐

TAG TEAM MATCH (Non-Title)
☑ The KLEINS (Allen Park — Combined Weight 475 lbs.) — vs. — The SKULL BROTHERS (New York, N. Y. — Combined Weight 450) ☐

☑ Louie MARTINEZ (Mexico City) — vs. — PORKY the PIG (Toledo) ☐

GIRLS TAG TEAM MATCH
☑ Mary Jane MULL — Linda KLEIN — vs. — Patty DRAKE — Lucille DUPRE ☐

☑ ALI BABA (Ahmet, Turkey) — vs. — TWO MEN ☐

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1968
COBO CONVENTION ARENA
11 BIG BOUTS
FIRST BOUT: 8:30 P.M.

✓ CHECK THE WINNER — X THE LOSER

MAIN EVENT
(Nontitle)

☒ **THE SHEIK** — U. S. Champion, Syria — 242 lbs. — via dq.
vs.
BOBO BRAZIL ☑ — Leading Challenger, Benton Harbor — 299 lbs.

TOP TAG TEAM MATCH
☐ Killer Karl KOX, Omaha, Nebraska — 240 lbs. / Thunderbolt PATTERSON, Los Angeles — 250 lbs. — vs. — Danny HODGE, Tulsa, Oklahoma — 238 lbs. / Freddy CURRY, Hartford, Conn. — 231 lbs. ☐

☐ Argentine APOLLO, Argentina, 225 lbs. — vs. — St. Louis, 276 lbs. Bulldog BROWER ☐
☐ Bull CURRY, Hartford, Conn., 230 lbs. — vs. — Chicago, Ill., 237 lbs. Paul CHRISTY ☐
☐ Jerry Maiburg, Holland, Ind., 225 lbs. — vs. — Hollywood, 241 lbs. Freddie BLASSIE ☐
☐ Baron Fritz VON RASCHKE, Munich, Germany — 282 lbs. — vs. — Chief WHITE OWL, Cherokee, N.C. — 246 lbs. ☐

TAG TEAM MATCH
☐ California HELL'S ANGELS, Combined Weight 450 lbs. — vs. — Seattle, 230 lbs. Frankie LAINE / Battle Creek, 239 lbs. Joe SMITH ☐

☐ Al COSTELLO, Sidney, Australia — 247 lbs. — vs. — Dickie "THE REBEL" MURDOCK, Wallaceville, Alabama — 249 lbs. ☐
☐ Mike LOREN, Toledo, Ohio, 251 lbs., accompanied by PORKY THE PIG — vs. — Danny MILLER, Fremont, Ohio, 246 lbs. ☐
☐ The BIG O, Parts Unknown, 300 lbs. — vs. — Mexico City, 325 lbs. Jess ORTEGA ☐
☐ Lou KLEIN, Allen Park, Mich., 244 lbs. — vs. — Kansas City, 280 lbs. Ox BAKER ☐

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BIG TIME WRESTLING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1969
COBO CONVENTION ARENA
11 GREAT MATCHES
FIRST BOUT: 8:30 P.M.

✓ CHECK THE WINNER — X THE LOSER

MAIN EVENT
LUMBERJACK TAG TEAM MATCH — Special Referee — Lord Layton
(Twenty Men Stationed Around the Ring To Insure Law and Order)
☑ THE MIGHTY IGOR (Poland — 250 lbs.) — IVAN KALMIKOFF (Russia — 250 lbs.) — vs. — The SHEIK (U. S. Heavyweight Champion, Syria — 242 lbs.) — The WEASEL (Seattle — 150 lbs.) ☐

☑ Wild BILL CURRY (Hartford) — vs. — Edward Carpenter (Detroit) ☐
☑ "Western Star" Buddy ROGERS (New Jersey) — vs. — Bill TERRY (Detroit) ☐
☑ British Empire Heavyweight Champion Whipper Billy WATSON (Canada — 250 lbs.) — vs. — Terry WHITE (Canada — 250 lbs.) ☐
☑ Lou THESZ (Phoenix) — vs. — Paul DIAMOND (Detroit) ☐
☐ Ernie LADD (Houston — 290 lbs.) — vs. — Flying Freddie CURRY (Hartford — 230 lbs.) ☐
☐ Danny HODGE (Tulsa — 238 lbs.) — vs. — BIG SAKA (Michigan — George Cannon) ☐

TAG TEAM MATCH
For the Tag Team Championship of the World
☐ Challengers HELL'S ANGELS (Los Angeles, California — Combined Weight — 450 lbs.) — vs. — Tag Team Champions Lou and Ray KLEIN (Allen Park, Mich.) ☑

FOUR GIRL TAG TEAM MATCH
☑ The STOMPER (Hamilton, Ont.) — vs. — Jack MURPHY (Detroit) ☐
☑ Chief WHITE OWL (Cherokee) — vs. — Pedro GODOY (Mexico City) ☐

DETROIT MICHIGAN — OLYMPIA STADIUM — SATURDAY, JULY 21, 1973

FOR THE W.W.A. WORLD'S TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP — NO DISQUALIFICATIONS

Challengers		Champions
DICK THE BRUISER, Reno, Nevada — 260 lbs. / BRUNO SAMMARTINO, Abruzzi, Italy — 271 lbs.	vs.	BIG ERNIE LADD, Houston, Texas — 297 lbs. / BARON VON RASCHKE, Stuttgart, Germany — 299 lbs.

FOR THE W.W.A. WORLD'S HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP

Challenger		Champion
HANDSOME JIMMY VALIENT, New York City — 262 lbs. via dq.	vs.	COWBOY BOB ELLIS, San Angelo, Texas — 248 lbs.

Tag Team Match

MITSU ARAKAWA, Tokyo, Japan — 230 lbs. / THE GREAT SAKI, Tokyo, Japan — 225 lbs.	vs.	PEPPER GOMEZ, San Bernadino, Calif. — 235 lbs. / BULL BULLINSKI, Chicago, Illinois — 250 lbs.

Midget Match

SAILOR ART THOMAS, Madison, Wis. — 258 lbs.	vs.	KENNY DILLINGER, San Francisco, Ca. — 230 lbs.

Midget Match

WEE WILLIE WILSON, St. Louis, Mo. — 96 lbs.	vs.	BILLY THE KID, St. Joe, Missouri — 97 lbs.

CARLOS BELAFONTE, Puerto Rico — 225 lbs.	vs.	PRETTY BOY BOBBY HEENAN, Beverly Hills, Ca. — 230 lbs.
MARK MANSON, San Francisco, Ca. — 220 lbs.	vs.	PRINCE PULLINS, Atlanta, Ga. — 225 lbs.

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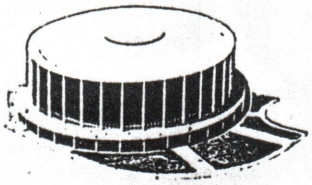

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But Increasing Costs Have Forced This
Slight Change In Our Price Scale.

Fond memories of when Mike Labell was the promoter at the old Olympic Auditorium and sometimes even went as far as to get involved himself, taking a blade job from The Sheik in a wild Sheik vs. John Tolos confrontation in which both wreslters, two referees, and the promoter bled. Names and faces remain in the minds of most fans from this era and incredibly, some of these guys are still around.

JOHN TOLOS:

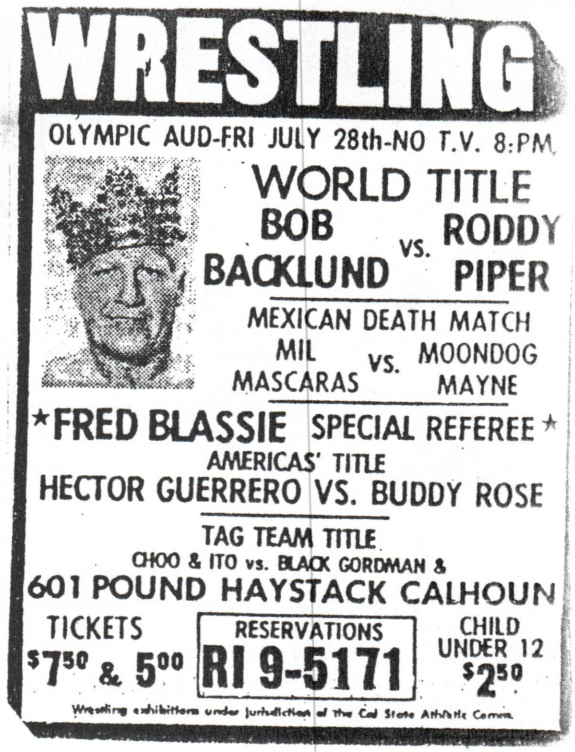
Every area has its own "maniac" and California had John Tolos. His antics are legendary, such as coming on tv with a secret weapon, a giant crate labled Danger and This Side Up, which housed a "secret weapon" he planned to unveil at ringside (It was either Big Bad John or John Quinn inside; I can't recall). He ripped up a giant Valentine to indicate what he planned to do to Greg Valentine and he attacked Victor Rivera, who was cut so badly he was sewn up right on the screen (this was when skeptics still believed the "blood capsule" theory). His torrid feuds with fan favorites and villains alike were also legendary, as he won, lost, and regained the Americas championship many times. The Sheik, Peter Maivia, Don Carson, Mil Mascaras, and of course Fred Blassie were his biggest challenges and the Big Screen showing of the Blassie vs. Tolos bout after the former was "blinded temporarily" was one of the major events of the 1970's. His ranting and raving interviews were tremendous, his work rate was outstanding, and although not a big man by today's standards, he could brawl with the best.

FRED BLASSIE:

Once a hated villain, a series of bouts with The Sheik turned him into a fan favorite and after the long running John Tolos feud, nearly made him a God in California. He bit his way to many bloody victories, earning the nickname of Vampire from the crowd, as he gnawed upon Tolos, The Shiek, Don Carson, Goliath, Black Gordman, Buddy Austin, and many more. It was sad to see him reduced to a WWF Bozo during his last few years of activity, especially by those who remember him as a wrestler, the self-proclaimed King of wrestling who wore a crown into the ring long before Harley Race or Jerry Lawler ever thought of it.

THE MONSTER:

Came in from Arizona during the end of Labell's heyday and was reputedly a Mexican wrestler named Tony Hernandez. The man couldn't work a lick, but got over, lumbering around the ring in a Frankenstein costume. He beat The Shiek, Andre the Giant, Bill Ash, and quite a few others, but seldom got wins as he was always disqualified, although his opponents looked like anything but winners. Reportedly injured Andre legitimately, either intentionally or by accident, and headed out of town after that, his welcome worn out. A silly gimmick, but kids liked it. Goliath served as manager, who would lead him to the ring in chains, until The Monster turned on him. Originally billed as Frankenstein, they reportedly dubbed him The Monster to avoid a lawsuit from Universal studios nearby.



KILLER BUDDY AUSTIN:

Killer was his nickname because he supposedly killed some unrecorded and never documented man with a piledriver, his pet hold. He was a hot tag team with The Great Kojika for a while and with Fred Blassie too, prior to a falling out. He also had some wild bouts with Pedro Morales. A heart attack ended both his career and his life. One of the bleached blonde pretty boy types, he was very much hated by the fans, although cheered when he fought Blassie in 1968-1969 or so and Tolos in the early 1970s.

The Greatest Events of 1970

- FREDDIE BLASSIE vs. THE SHEIK
- BLASSIE vs. THE SHEIK (CAGE BOUT)
- BOBO BRAZIL vs. THE SHEIK
- MIL MASCARAS vs. BLACK GORDMAN
- FRED BLASSIE vs. DON CARSON (Blood bath)
- MIL MASCARAS vs. DON CARSON
- 22 MAN BATTLE ROYAL
- ROCKY JOHNSON vs. FREDDIE BLASSIE

★★★

GORDMAN & GOLIATH:

Red Devils, so to speak, because of their invariable red tights and black trunks, Gordman and Goliath ruled wrestling in Ca. for over a decade, barring a brief time when they split up and feuded with each other. Genuinely nice guys outside the ring, but murderous competitors inside of it. While neither really amounted to much in single bouts, they were devastating as a tag team. Gained further heat from the predominately Mexican-American audience by renouncing their obvious Mexican heritage and claiming to be from NEW Mexico, the emphasis being theirs. I've heard both are still active, but it seems hard to believe.

THE TWIN DEVILS:

Legitimate twin brothers from Mexico who wore goatee devil beards and could not be told apart. Their angle was to switch off in single or tag competition by leaving the ring and dancing around in several circles on the arena floor, with the fresh man then going in to replace the tired man. Nothing has been heard from these two since then. They were major stars in Mexico before being brought in by Labell and presumedly returned there to either retire or use a new gimmick.

SUPERSTAR BILLY GRAHAM:

The steroid-fried, bald-headed, walrus-man of WWF fame in the 80's is only a poor shadow of the same, younger muscleman who terrorized the LA area for years, went east, became WWF champion, lost, returned to Arizona, lost, returned to Arizona, quit, supposedly "died" (a la Marcial Bovee and Bearcat Wright, the magazines actually carried obituaries), used the "death" as a press stunt, and made a comeback. Prior to his hip problems and steroid fizzling, Graham was a hellion to watch, but friendly and pleasant to fans when not in the ring. He once took part in a segment of the game show Truth or Consequences, in which he wrestled a plant in the audience while his wife, which was the punch of the show, watching her actions (does anyone recall this) when she thought her husband was getting killed. "I'll take good care of him" Graham said before the "bout" in which he airplane spun the little guy, slammed him, and ripped his shirt. Jimmy Lennon, the great announcer, also appeared on this spoof.

CYCLONE NEGRO:

A South American, not a black, as erroneously believed (and he was overheard many time speaking heavily accented English, which leads one to believe something to his Venezuelan origin as he was billed). What did him in LA and everywhere was when he appeared on a national tv show, took a lie-detector test, tried to beat the machine and insisted he always fought for real. The machine said he lied, the promotions went into orbit, and Negro, who won many victories into the ring, lost his ultimate main event to a machine. He had hoped to beat the machine and convince doubters the sport was real, but it died on him. Prior to this fiasco, he was an in-and-out California visitor and very much pushed as a villain.

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Wed. on 34
TAG TEAM NIGHT AT OLYMPIC
7:30 P.M.
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THE SOULMAN

"GOLIATH" "THE WRESTLER WHO WILL PUT FEAR INTO YOUR HEART IS COMING!

The Olympic Auditorium has outbid Detroit, New York, San Francisco and Toronto for the sensational SHEIK-BOBO BRAZIL return bout. Two weeks ago THE SHEIK with the help of his manager The Weasel defeated BOBO before a crowd of over 20,000 wrestling fans in Toronto's Maple Leaf Gardens Arena.

Promoter Mike LeBell and Bout Supervisor Jules Strongbow stepped in and outbid all other cities for the return bout. One man who was very happy was big BOBO BRAZIL. After he heard the return bout was signed for L.A. he jumped with joy. "That's where my fans are and I know I can whip the Sheik good." Bobo told us from his training headquarters in Benton Harbor.

All the votes are in and the winner is BLACK GORDMANI Blackie will wrestle DORY FUNK JR., for the World Heavyweight Championship on Friday night, April 21st right here at the Olympic.

Regardless of the outcome of tonight's tag title affair Gordman will get a shot at the biggest prize in wrestling. For some reason Funk claims the fans shouldn't have been allowed to pick his challenger. Could it be that Dory fears losing his coveted crown to the popular Gordman? Promoter Mike LeBell has a signed contract with Funk and he'll have to wrestle Big "G" on the 21st, in two weeks.

BILLY ANDERSON:

Now getting smashed on WWF tv tapes, but a top drawing card for Labell and other smaller promotions. Does anyone remember when he received a win over Paul Orndorff by outright pin! For Labell's promotion, he was given many wins during the late 1970's and early 80's, mainly against Mexicans.

SAN FRANCISCO NOTES

By Dorothy Brydges

2/13/54

DOUBLE MAIN EVENT

RAY STEVENS vs. PAT PATTERSON

One hour - 2 of 3 falls

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1971

TAG TEAM BOUT

PETER MAIVIA
ROCKY JOHNSON vs. PAUL DeMARCO
BILLY GRAHAM

SPECIAL ATTRACTION

PAT BARRETT vs. MIGHTY BRUTUS

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OPENING BOUT

PEPPER MARTIN vs. LEN SHELLEY

SAN FRANCISCO WRESTLING

MYSTERY MAN 1 fall, 30 min. FLASH GORDON
Take a flyer on the Mystery Man.

MYRON COX 3 falls, 45 min. BILL HANSON
Bill will flop Cox quick.

MAIN EVENT

RAY ECKERT 3 fall, 1 hr. SANDOR SZABO
Hard Boiled HAGGERTY GEORGE BECKER
The tag team of Eckert and Haggerty hard to beat. . . . Szabo and Becker have the class. Pick Ray and Hard Boiled.

Enrique Torres, the Mexican Flash, is once again a double Pacific Coast Champion for in addition to the Pacific Coast Heavyweight Championship which he has held consistently against all challengers since last July, he and Ronnie Etchison recently won the Pacific Coast Tag Team Title in Fresno. Torres and Etchison are both very fine wrestlers and together they make a very smooth working combination. They have the added advantage of a great deal of successful experience as tag team partners. This week they gave Mike and Ben Sharpe their toughest match in weeks. Since they returned to the Pacific Coast, the Sharpes have gone on winning their matches, one right after another, until this meeting with Torres and Etchison and then they had to be content with a draw. It was an action-packed match from beginning to end and it was the time limit which saved the title for the Sharpes plus the fact of their sheer grit and courage in holding out against a punishing Boston crab hold in the waning minutes of the match. Towards the end, Ben was caught in the hold and refused to give up, so, knowing that time was running short, Ronnie turned him back and gave him the giant swing. However, Ben's height and long reach enabled him to tag in brother Mike on one of the times around. Before many seconds had passed, Mike, too, was caught in the same Boston crab. Due credit must be given to both Sharpe boys for suffering out the time limit.

Wrestlers from other lands are adding interest to the local scene and from north of our border, there is the giant Negro wrestler, Bobo Brazil, in addition to the Sharpe Brothers. Bobo is a well-built 6'6" and weighs 268 pounds and he can hold his own in any company.

From south of the border, in addition to Enrique and Ramon Torres, we also have Vincent Lopez, former World's Heavyweight Champion, and Juan Humberto, both of whom are veteran campaigners and feature the speed that is so characteristic of all Mexican grapplers.

Traveling further south, we have Pedro Godoy, the husky heavyweight who is Chilean born but makes his home in Cuba. Godoy's matches are always full of action and he features a rough and rugged style. From across the Pacific, several countries are represented. The big Japanese wrestler, Riki Dozan, has recently returned to see action in California and he has brought with him a couple of new holds: a head-buster and an airplane type of body slam.

Al Costello, the "singing wrestler" from Australia, has just returned from a very successful tour through Texas and the eastern states and Canada. Another recent arrival is Rey Urbano from the Philippines, a protege of the great Pantaleon Manlapig.

The Great Scott sends greetings to all his California fans. Scotty and Buddy Rogers now hold the West Virginia and Ohio Tag Team

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THE PROGRAM

RIDAY, APRIL 21, 1972 — 8:30 P.M.

KIEL AUDITORIUM

4th & Market Sts. St. Louis, Mo.

MAIN EVENT

Harley Race

245, Hollywood, Calif.

Vs.

Jack Brisco

236, Oklahoma City, Okla.

wo out of three falls — 45 minute time limit.
Two minute rest period between falls.

MAIN EVENT

A Texas "Death Match"

"Big Bill" Miller

290, Columbus, Ohio

Vs.

Johnny Valentine

244, Seattle, Wash.

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THE FOURTH EVENT

An Australian Tag Team Match

PAK-SON

275, Seoul, Korea

and

"BLACK JACK" LANZA

260, Albuquerque, N.M.

Vs.

PAT O'CONNOR

235, Wellington, N.Z.
Former World Champion

and

DICK "THE BRUISER"

250, Reno, Nevada

Two out of three falls—30 minute time limit.
Two minute rest period between falls.

THE THIRD MATCH

Rufus R. Jones, 270, Boston, Mass. **Vs.** Hans Schmidt, 254, Milwaukee, Wisc.

One fall—20 minute time limit.

THE SECOND MATCH

Wilbur Snyder, 246, San Fernando, Calif. **Vs.** "Black Jack" Mulligan, 305, Eagle Pass, Texas

One fall—20 minute time limit.

THE OPENING BOUT

An Australian Tag Team Match

Bob Roop, 275, Carbondale, Ill. and Dan Miller, 242, Columbus, Ohio **Vs.** Billy Howard, 238, Milwaukee, Wisc. and Ronnie Etchison, 240, St. Joseph, Mo.

Two out of three falls—30 minute time limit.
Two minute rest period between falls.

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KIEL AUDITORIUM

Missouri Champion

HARLEY RACE

versus

TERRY FUNK

"OX" BAKER

versus

"THE BRUISER"

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TICKETS: Arcade Bldg., Kiel Auditorium

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Pro Wrestling

(Friday At Kiel)

Harley Race won two of three falls from Terry Funk to retain the Missouri heavyweight title as recognized by the National Wrestling Alliance. Race won the first fall in 20:12, Funk the second in 5:06 and Race the Third in 7:17

Dick The Bruiser pinned Ox Baker, 7:20

Edouard Carpentier and Pat O'Connor defeated Bobby Hennon and Van Raschke in Australian tag-team exhibition. Carpentier pined Van Raschke in 15:04

Ray Stevens pinned Ted Gates, 12:02

Rocky Johnson and Bill Miller went to a 20-minute draw

Ronnie Etchison and Art Thomas won two of three falls from Angelo and Lanny Poffo in Australian tag-team exhibition. Lanny Poffo was disqualified in the deciding fall for jumping on Thomas from the top rope.

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TONIGHT
8:30
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"Wrestling at the Chase" Celebrates Anniversary

"Wrestling at the Chase" celebrates its 24th anniversary on May 22. For well over two decades, the thrill and excitement of televised wrestling has been brought into St. Louisans' living room via KPLR-TV, Channel 11.

Many sources can rightly assume credit for the show's success. The staff and management of KPLR-TV deserve a great deal of praise for the fine professional work their involvement has achieved. The St. Louis Wrestling Club deserves applause for bringing in top talent each week. And most of all, the loyal wrestling fans of St. Louis get a tip of the hat for their continued interest and support. The massive viewing audience has made "Wrestling at the Chase" one of the highest rated televised wrestling shows in the country.

Mark Mathew describes the action each and every Sunday morning. Mathew, an experienced and knowledgable sports commentator is joined by Lord Alfred Hayes, who serves as ring announcer and color commentator.

Be on hand for all the action as the "Wrestling at the Chase" tradition continues Sunday mornings at 11:00 o'clock over KPLR-TV, Channel Eleven.

Rolling Around the Mats

by LARRY MATYSIK

Muchnick Delivers Good News

Start making plans for Sam Muchnick's 35th anniversary as St. Louis promoter. In fact, perhaps a few ideas for the 36th celebration would also be in order.

That is probably the best news coming as Muchnick prepares to mark his 34th anniversary at the helm of St. Louis wrestling with the Kiel Auditorium card Dec. 7.

The highly-respected Muchnick has decided to stay on "for at least another year" lining up superb talent for the metropolitan area.

"My health is good and I still enjoy the business," reported Muchnick. "In fact, seeing young stars like the Von Erich boys, Ted DiBiase, Bob Backlund and others make their marks in St. Louis has helped keep me enthusiastic."

Now 74 years young, Muchnick also gives valuable advice to promoters in other cities. "Nobody else has the experience Sam does," declared New York's fine promoter Vince McMahon, a close friend of Muchnick.

Another major factor contributing to Muchnick's decision not to retire is the fans. "The people here are tops, the absolute best," Muchnick claimed.

"I have been to many different towns and countries, but nowhere are the fans as sportsmanlike and knowledgeable as they are in St. Louis," Muchnick added.

What is on tap from Muchnick during 1980? "I'm near signing Andre the Giant, plus I've had talks with Backlund, DiBiase and Ric Flair," disclosed Muchnick. "Also, I'll be bringing the Harlem Globetrotters, basketball's magicians, to the Checkerdome early in March."

Retirement for Sam Muchnick? The wrestling world and the entire St. Louis area hope that day is many years away.

DROP KICKS . . . Bob Broeg talks about wrestling on KMOX Radio at 12:10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, and Sunday, Dec. 9 . . . Pak-Son, the vicious Korean, may be headed for Midwestern rings.

Teen-ager Eddie Gilbert, whose father Tommy is an accomplished matman, shows plenty of promise . . . Girls' champion The Fabulous Moolah is on "Wrestling at the Chase" Dec. 9 in a mixed tag team match . . . Former world champion Jack Brisco has really hit his stride with impressive wins in Florida.

Rolling Around the Mats

The Oct. 15 program at Kiel Auditorium will be the 1100th wrestling card promoted by Sam Muchnick in St. Louis. This imposing total includes 741 television shows, 20 bills at the old North Side Park and 338 cards at the Auditorium, The Arena and the St. Louis House . . . Former world champion Gene Kiniski is making life miserable for his opponents in the Pacific Northwest.

Nick Bockwinkle, who has been ringing up victory after victory in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Canada, stopped by the St. Louis Wrestling Club office to put in a bid for some bouts in his hometown of St. Louis. "If Sam Muchnick is such a great promoter, and St. Louis is such a great sports town, how can either one of them possibly do without a great talent like myself for much longer?" asked the erudite Bockwinkle.

An outstanding tackle on the West Texas State football squad which won the Sun Bowl in 1963, World Heavyweight Champion Dory Funk, Jr. was eagerly sought by the American Football League Denver Broncos. "I'm glad that I decided to stick with wrestling," confessed Funk. "But I'd have enjoyed football too. I've always liked to compete and to slam against somebody."

Speaking of Funk, the action among Dory's top challengers may become even more heated because many of these grapplers felt that Harley Race had Funk on the ropes at The Arena on Oct. 1 . . . Rugged Stan Stasiak, who hasn't been in St. Louis for a few years, is tearing things apart on New York, Maryland and Pennsylvania mats.

Four Mat Programs Left in 1971

CENTRAL STATES 1978
---BY: MIKE RODGERS

11/9/78 KANSAS CITY
TOM ANDREW BEAT GENE STEVENS, ERIC EMBRY BEAT JIM COOK, BRIAN BLAIR BEAT DOUG PETTIS, BOB SWEETAN & BOB BROWN BEAT TANK PATTON & BUCK ROBLEY, ANDRE THE GIANT DDQ BRUISER BRODY.

11/16/78 KANSAS CITY
GENE STEVENS BEAT ERIC EMBRY, COLOSSO COLOSETTI BEAT TOM ANDREWS, TANK PATTON BEAT JOHN RUFFIN, TERRY & DORY FUNK BEAT BOB BROWN & BOBO BRAZIL COR, BOB SWEETAN BEAT BUCK ROBLEY DQ, HARLEY RACE BEAT BRUISER BRODY NWA TITLE.

11/19/78 TOPEKA
ERIC EMBRY BEAT DOUG PETTIS, COLOSSO COLOSETTI DREW TOM ANDREWS, PAT O'CONNER BEAT GENE STEVENS, BULLDOG BROWN & JOHN RUFFIN BEAT TANK PATTON & RICK OLIVER, BUCK ROBLEY DCOR BOB SWEETAN.

11/23/78 KANSAS CITY
COLOSSO COLOSETTI BEAT ERIC EMBRY, RICK OLIVER BEAT KEVIN VON ERICH, BOB SWEETAN BEAT GENE STEVENS, TANK PATTON DREW TOM ANDREWS, BRUISER BRODY BEAT DAVID VON ERICH, BULLDOG BROWN DCOR BUCK ROBLEY, BOB SWEETAN WON BATTLE ROYAL.

11/24/78 ST. LOUIS
DAVID VON ERICH DREW BUCK ROBLEY, KEVIN VON ERICH BEAT BULLDOG BROWN DQ, ROCKY JOHNSON & PAT O'CONNER & TOM ANDREWS BEAT BOB SWEETAN & TANK PATTON & COLOSSO COLOSETTI, BRUISER BRODY BEAT BOBBY DUNCUM, DICK THE BRUISER BEAT ALEXIS SMIRNOFF & TANK PATTON, HARLEY RACE BEAT TED DIBIASE NWA TITLE.

11/30/78 KANSAS CITY
RICK OLIVER BEAT GENE STEVENS, HARTFORD LOVE BEAT TOM ANDREWS, BULLDOG BROWN & OMAR ATLAS BEAT TANK PATTON & COLOSSO COLOSETTI, BOB SWEETAN BEAT BUCK ROBLEY CAGE MATCH, BRUISER BRODY BEAT DICK THE BRUISER DQ.

12/7/78 KANSAS CITY
ONAR ATLAS BEAT GENE STEVENS, TOM ANDREW BEAT COLOSSO COLOSETTI, HARTFORD LOVE BEAT ERIC EMBRY, JOYCE GRABLE BEAT LELAINI KAI, BRUISER BRODY & TANK PATTON BEAT RANDY ALLS & RICK OLIVER, BOB SWEETAN BEAT BUCK ROBLEY TEXAS DEATH MATCH.

12/8/78 ST. LOUIS
KEVIN & DAVID VON ERICH BEAT BOB BROWN & COLOSSO COLOSETTI, BOB SWEETAN BEAT RICK OLIVER, TOM ANDREWS & PA O'CONNER BEAT HARTFORD LOVE & BUCK ROBLEY, BRUISER BRODY BEAT PIERRE LEFEBRVE, BOBO BRAZIL BEAT BOB SWEETAN DQ, DICK THE BRUISER BEAT HARLEY RACE CAGE MATCH NON-TITLE.

12/14/78 KANSAS CITY
COLOSSO COLOSETTI BEAT ERIC EMBRY, RICK OLIVER BEAT GENE STEVENS, HARTFORD LOVE BEAT RON STARR, RANDY ALLS BEAT DOUG

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SOMMERS, TOM ANDREWS BEAT TANK PATTON DQ, BOB SWEETAN & BOB BROWN BEAT BRUISER BRODY & BUCK ROBLEY TORNADO TAG MATCH.

12/28/78 KANSAS CITY
OMAR ATLAS BEAT COLOSSO COLOSETTI, TOM ANDREWS BEAT DOUG SOMMERS, HARTFORD LOVE BEAT ERIC EMERY, MIKE BOYER BEAT RICK OLIVER, RANDY ALLS BEAT TANK PATTON, BOBO JOHNSON BEAT LORD LITTLEBROOK, DICK MURDOCK DREW BOB SWEETAN, HARLEY RACE BEAT BRUISER BRODY NWA TITLE.

1978 WRESTLER OF THE YEAR
BRUISER BRODY IN AND OUT OF THE AREA CAPTURES THE AWARD WITH WINS OVER JERRY BLACKWELL, TED DIBIASIE, DOUG GILBERT, LEROY BROWN, MIKE GEORGE & DAVID VON ERICH.

1978 TAG TEAM OF THE YEAR
KEN LUCAS & KEVIN SULLIVAN
THIS TEAM HELD THE TAG TITLES FOR SEVERAL MONTHES AND RACKED UP VICTORIES OVER SUCH TEAMS AS BLUE YANKEE & JOE PALARDY, ALEXIS SMIRNOFF & BUCK ROBLEY, BOB SWEETAN & BUCK ROBLEY, DOUG SOMMERS & OKI SHIMA.

CENTRAL STATES TITLE
KEN LUCAS
BPB SWEETAN 4/27
DOUG GILBERT 8/31
BUCK ROBLEY 10/7

CENTRAL STATES TAG TITLES
KEVIN SULLIVAN & KEN LUCAS
BUCK ROBLEY & BLUE YANKEE 3/20
RON STARR & TOM ANDREWS 7/27
TANK PATTON & JESSE VENTURA 9/14

US TAG TEAM
BULLDOG BROWN & BRIAN BLAIR
BOBBY JAGGERS & JERRY BROWN

1. BRUISER BRODY
2. BULLDOG BROWN
3. BOB SWEETAN
4. BUCK ROBLEY
5. DOUG GILBERT

1. KEN LUCAN & KEVIN SULLIVAN
2. BOB SWEETAN & BULLDOG BROWN
3. BOB SWEETAN & BUCK ROBLEY
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Two main events on tap Thursday

A double main event, including a $5,000 challenge match, will be in the wrestling spotlight Thursday night at Memorial Hall.

In one of the features, Tank Patton will meet Bulldog Bob Brown. The co-feature finds Bruiser Brody with his $5,000 challenge on the line against Noah Jones, brother of Rufus R. Jones.

Col. Buck Robley teams with Bruiser Bob Sweetan to tangle with Tom Andrews and Ron Starr in the special tag team event.

In other action, Tony Milan takes on Brian Blair, Gene Stevens battles Gary Young and Don Diamond knocks heads with Mike Pappas.

Rematch highights Thursday mat card

The Blue Yankee will team with Bruiser Bob Sweetan to battle Bulldog Bob Brown and Ron Starr in Thursday night's wrestling main event at Memorial Hall.

A special return match is on tap in the co-feature as Tank Patton and Tom Andrews hook up. Last week, Andrews split Patton's head open after losing a match to Patton.

Col. Buck Robley meets Gary Young in the special event. Young will be making his wrestling debut. In other matches, Gene Stephens duels Don Diamond and Dave Nevins tangles with Mike Pappas in the opener.

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MEMPHIS & ALABAMA

Lawler and Thesz Battle Roughouse and Gilbert In Main Event Grudge Match

Memphis WRESTLING Program

Published weekly in the interest of Professional Wrestling in the Memphis and Mid-South area

Promoters—
Nick Gulas, Roy Welch and Bert Bates

Ring Announcer .... Lance Russell

Referees ....to be named

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Thesz has become the target of Memphis wrestling fans since he has turned to the illegal tactics in his three matches with Tommy Gilbert. Saturday he used illegal tactics on Roughouse Fargo and Gilbert in the main event TV match. That forced promoters to change tonight's card and put these four men in a tag team match instead of single matches as was originally announced. Sam Bass will be in Lawler and Thesz corner as their manager. This should be a wild and exciting match.

TV WRESTLING WILL BE AT 11:00 A.M. SATURDAY

TV wrestling has become one of the most popular shows Channel 13 has on the air. Action is always just as good as it is at the Coliseum and sometimes even better. So make it a 'must' to watch TV wrestling on Channel 13 every Saturday. This week the action will start at 11 a.m. Tune in and see wrestling at is very best.

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MAIN EVENT
—Grudge Match—
JERRY LAWLER and LOU THESZ
—VERSUS—
ROUGHOUSE FARGO and TOMMY GILBERT

—10 MINUTE INTERMISSION—
Lucky Numbers In Program Announced

NWA SOUTHERN TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH
THE INFERNOS
with their Manager J. C. Dykes
(Southern Tag Team Champions)
—VERSUS—
BEARTCAT BROWN and DON GREENE

— SIX-MAN TAG TEAM MATCH —
CHARLES and FRANK MORRELL and GEORGE HARRIS
—VERSUS—
DENNIS HALL, GEORGE GULAS and MIKE JACKSON

EDDIE MARLIN vs. ? ? Didn't Have
(To Be Announced at Ringside)

SAM BASS vs. Rufus Jones
(To Be Announced at Ringside)

Tickets sold Saturday and Monday at the Coliseum box office. Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 12 noon and all day on Monday.

Promoters reserve the right to change the card without notice. Changes are necessary at times when injuries or accidents occur or for promotional or individual reasons.

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TONIGHT'S CARD

MAIN EVENT: History's Biggest Return Grudge Six-Man Tag Battle . . . No Time Limit — No Disqualification. Giant Frazier, 400 lbs., 7 Feet Tall, Special Referee. Ring Enclosed with Bull Wire.

Karl and Kurt Von Brauner and Saul Weingeroff 7/12/71
VERSUS
Len and Joey Rossi and Bearcat Brown

SECOND MAIN EVENT: Tag Battle.
The Alaskans
VERSUS
Dennis Hall and Oni Wiki Wiki

FIRST MAIN EVENT
Giant Frazier vs. Nikita Mulkovich
(400 lbs., 7 Feet Tall)

Dandy Jack Donovan vs. Gary Martin

Birmingham WRESTLING Program

Promoters. . Nick Gulas, Roy Welch, and Joe Denaburg
Timekeeper and Announcer.... .....Sterling Brewer
Referees .....Named at Ringside
Edited by.....David Holland

(We reserve the right to change the order of events). Program subject to change. The promoters are not responsible if wrestlers fail to appear. Substitutes will be arranged when possible.

Jackie Fargo Remains On Disabled List

Jackie Fargo, who was injured here two weeks ago in his match with Jerry Lawler, is still on the disabled list. He suffered several broken ribs in that match and the last report was that he will be out of action for another four or six weeks.

BE SURE OF A GOOD SEAT ON MONDAY NIGHTS!

Box Office open 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon Saturday and all day on Monday.

Southeast Hotbed For Pro Wrestling

ATLANTA (AP) — Whether professional wrestling is a sport or a sideshow, it is big business — making millions for promoters and participants and packing them in at arenas across the country.

And although wrestling continues to draw well in Los Angeles, Chicago and New York, the Southeast is the most lucrative region for the likes of Andre the Giant, Harly Race, Mr. Wrestling No. 2 and the other caped and masked men who make a comfortable living by twisting each other into uncomfortable shapes.

A top card can draw as many as 13,000 fans to Atlanta's Omni sports complex, and well-attended matches are held on a regular basis in Miami.

But the bread-and-butter matches are held in Columbus Ga.; Charlotte, N.C.; Greensboro, N.C.; Richmond, Va., and other medium sized cities where 5,000-8,000 fans will pay $3 to $6 a ticket to watch a few hours of mayhem.

"I think the Southeast is the best," wrestling promoter Jim Barnett says. "It costs so much to put on matches in cities like New York, Baltimore and Washington, but in the Southeast the rentals (for arenas) are not so expensive and there's not as much for the people there to do."

Barnett, president of Georgia Championship Wrestling and a partner in Championship Wrestling from Florida, says "both corporations are multimillion-dollar corporations" and growing.

A good share of the profits comes from television.

In addition to promoting matches at local civic centers and arenas, Barnett's corporations produce televised wrestling shows seen in every major Florida city and on Atlanta television station WTCG, where the broadcasts are transmitted by satellite to cable systems across the country.

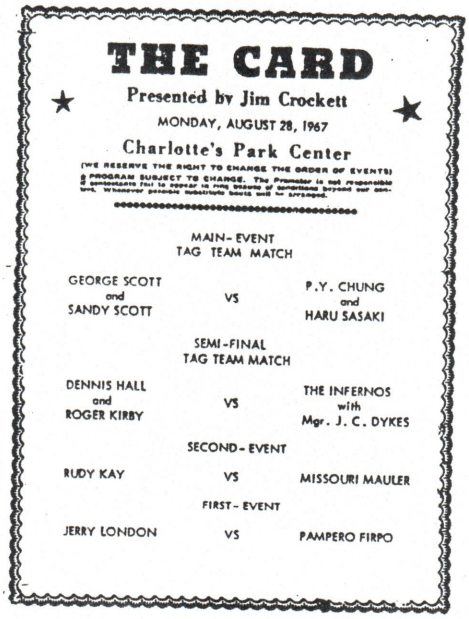
According to WTCG officials, the two-hour wrestling program on Saturday evenings is "one of the top-rated shows on the station." In May, it beat all competing shows during its first hour, including three network affiliate news broadcasts.

Jim Crockett Jr., president of Jim Crockett Promotions, Inc., a Charlotte-based company founded by his father, produces wrestling programs seen on 24 stations in North and South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Texas and West Virginia. He also promotes matches and supplies wrestlers to other promoters.

"According to the latest ratings, we have 1.06 million adults watching the program each Saturday," Crockett says. "Our program delivered more adults than ABC Wild World of Sports, CBC Sports Spectacular or NBC sports in the same market."

Crockett declined to reveal just how much his corporation is worth, but says the business has grown "a steady five to 10 percent every year for the last four or five," and could show a 25 percent increase by the end of this fiscal year.

Fred Ward was a professional wrestler until 1948 when he missed a flying tackle during a match at a Griffin, Ga., high school gym and "went over the top rope and landed on a bench in the third row."



THE CARD

Presented by Jim Crockett

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 1967

Charlotte's Park Center

(WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE ORDER OF EVENTS)

PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE. The Promoter is not responsible if contestants fail to appear in ring because of conditions beyond our control. Whenever possible substitute bouts will be arranged.

MAIN-EVENT
TAG TEAM MATCH

GEORGE SCOTT and SANDY SCOTT — VS — P.Y. CHUNG and HARU SASAKI

SEMI-FINAL
TAG TEAM MATCH

DENNIS HALL and ROGER KIRBY — VS — THE INFERNOS with Mgr. J. C. DYKES

SECOND-EVENT

RUDY KAY — VS — MISSOURI MAULER

FIRST-EVENT

JERRY LONDON — VS — PAMPERO FIRPO

After spending two weeks in the hospital and a year in a back brace, Ward turned to promotion and now makes "about $100,000 in a good year."

"Sometimes things happen and you don't know it's for the best until later on," Ward says.

When Ward started wrestling in the 1930s, he was paid $3.80 for his first match. "Today, a top wrestler can make $300,000 to $400,000 a year depending on how hard he wants to work," Ward says.

But at a price: "There isn't a place on my body that I haven't been hurt, and that's the way with all wrestlers," he adds.

According to Crockett, there are about 250 good wrestlers who travel three main circuits sanctioned by three separate administrative bodies.

Each of the sanctioning bodies has its own "world champion" and several top wrestlers who make annual salaries in six figures.

But according to Crockett, an average wrestler can earn $25,000-$50,000 a year "assuming he doesn't get hurt."

Ric "Nature Boy" Flair is an established wrestling star at 28 and a favorite among women fans, according to Crockett.

A native of Wisconsin, Flair dropped out of college after two years to become a professional wrestler and says his income has "averaged $125,000 to $130,000 in the last four years."

At least $37,000 of that money, however, has been reinvested in his "wrestling equipment," Flair says. That equipment consists mainly of the 15 hand-stitched, multi-colored and rhinestone-studded robes he wears into the ring.

Unlike other sports, professional wrestlers don't have a uniform allowance and usually make their own travel and business arrangements.

"They're independent contractors — probably among the last in professional sports," Crockett says.

It's not for everybody, though. "There's a lot of travel and a lot of work," Crockett says. "You don't have much of a family life, or much of a private life either if you're good. Everybody knows you."

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GARY FISHMAN'S GEORGIA MEMORIES

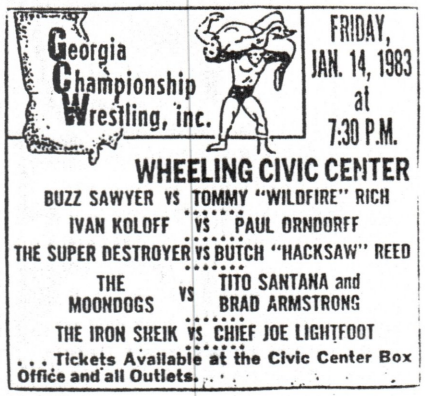
The greatest nights of wrestling I have ever experienced were during the years 1974-75 when I lived in Atlanta Ga. There were two major groups- The NWA promoted by Paul Jones with Gordon Solie at the mike and Ann Gunkle's promotion which was an independent. Gunkle ran at the Atlanta City Auditorium on Tuesday nights while the NWA had their shows on Friday nights and about once a month held a big show at the Omni. Gunkle's promotion featured stars such as Ernie Ladd, Dr. Jerry and Crazy Luke Graham (both past their prime), Thunderbolt Patterson, Ray Candy, Angelo & Leaping Lanny Poffo, Whipper Watson, Jr., Ox Baker, The Kangaroos, The Assassins, and El Mongol.

Almost every match ended with a run-in and wrestlers turned from heel to hero and back even more often than they do today. I remember that once I went on a trip for two weeks and when I came back about half the wrestlers had bleached hair, meaning that they had turned heel. While this group didn't compare to the NWA (even when they brought in Victor the Wrestling Bear), they were a good independent. Assassin II was a great heel as were the Kangaroos.

I remember one night I saved Assassin I from a beating. During a cage match Assassin I (Tom Renesto) who had just turned clean was about to be attacked by a bunch of heels running in. Sitting in the first row I told him to turn around and he turned just in time to see them coming! In those days the wrestlers knew how to interact more with the audience while now showmanship has more to do with music and costumes. I remember one day Angelo Poffo was the color commentator for the tv show and he was announcing a match involving Leaping Lanny who was being beaten up by a heel. Suddenly Angelo got up and frantically started yelling "That's my son!" and went in and cleared the ring. Up 'till then their relationship was never announced.

The NWA featured wrestlers such as The Briscos, Bobby Duncum, Buddy Colt, Mr. Wrestling I (Tim Woods) and II, Bob Armstrong, Robert Fuller, Bill Watts, Jerry Lawler, Bob Orton Jr., The Andersons, The Garvin Brothers (Terrence, Ron and Jimmy), Big Bad John, Bobby Shane, Magnificent Muraco, SD Jones, Nature Boy Roger Kirby, and Sailor Art Nelson. Some wrestlers remained fixtures in the territory while others came in for a while and left when their feuds ran out to go to other local territories. For big shows Jones would bring in name wrestlers such as Andre the Giant, Dusty Rhodes, Giant Baba, Dory Funk, Jr. Harley Race, Haystacks Calhoun, etc. The heat for the shows was so intense that after the first match or two nobody sat down the whole night. Texas Death matches would go 15-20 falls. Wrestling wasn't aimed either at little children or yuppies, but appealed basically to the working class and was tremendously dramatic.

One night at the Omni, during the opening match one of the wrestlers (I believe it was Buddy Colt), wouldn't let



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Below: Augusta, Ga.
9/18/78

his oppenent get into the ring. Suddenly a large farmer dressed in overalls, charged the ring and wiped the floor with poor Buddy. The security guards figured it was a wrestler, so they let it go. They arrested the farmer and many of the fans got so mad they started a riot and by the time it finished just about all of the ringside seats were turned over. All of the heels marched out of the dressing room and came to the ring in support of their fallen comrade. I remember that on that card, Jack Brisco beat Dusty Rhodes in the cage and Andre the Giant beat Bill Watts in the cage as well, following the Cowboy bloodying him with brass knucks.

The best match I saw was a Texas Death match featuring Robert Fuller and Bob Armstrong vs. Jerry Lawler and Art Neilsen which went an hour and had countless falls. The loser of the previous fall had to come out first for the next fall and Armstrong was beaten so bad he could barely answer the bell each time. They would attack him during the rest between falls also. Wrestling was not considered a joke by the fans and promoters, and although I knew it was a work there were many nights I went home swearing it had to be real!

Buddy Colt was a great heel as was Bill Watts, Ole Anderson, Wrestling II (who had a feud with Wrestling I which ended in Wrestling I being unmasked as Tim Woods and his head shaved in a hair vs. mask match), and Art Neilsen (in spite of being old and not great on interviews). Armstrong and Fuller were the top babyface tag team and teenage girls would actually cry when Fuller got attacked after a match. Although the wrestlers didn't fly like they do today (with the exception of the young Muraco who then had great moves), they knew how to work a match and work the crowd.

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GEORGIA RESULTS

2-14-82 Marietta: Kevin Sullivan W/Tommy Rogers, Brad Armstrong W/The Angel, Jim Garvin DCOR Ron Bass, The Superstar and Buzz Sawyer W/Leroy Brown and Big Red

2-15-82 Augusta: Tom Pritchard W/Ricky Harris, Brad Armstrong W/The Angel, Bob Armstrong W/ Kevin Sullivan via DQ, Ron Bass W/Jim Garvin (Texas Death Match), Tommy Rich and Leroy Brown W/The Superstar and Buzz Sawyer

2-18-82 Athens: The Superstar and Super Destroyer W/Leroy Brown and Big Red (To retain the National TTC), Jim Garvin W/Buzz Sawyer via DQ, Kevin Sullivan D/Brad Armstrong, Tommy Rogers W/Ricky Harris

2-20-82 Carrollton: Jim Garvin DCOR Buzz Sawyer, Bob and Brad Armstrong W/Kevin Sullivan and Ron Bass, Tommy Rich and Leroy Brown W/The Superstar and Super Destroyer, Tom Pritchard W/Ricky Harris, Kevin Sullivan W/Brad Amrstrong via DQ

2-21-82 Columbus, OH.: (Afternoon) The Superstar W/ Mr. Wrestling II, Terry Taylor W/The Angel, Brad Armstrong W/Ricky Harris, Andre the Giant & Dusty Rhodes W/Great Kabuki & Super Destroyer, Dusty Rhodes W/Gary Hart, Tommy Rich W/Harley Race

2-21-82 Dayton, OH.: (Evening) Tom Pritchard W/The Angel, Terry Taylor W/Ricky Harris, The Superstar & Super Destroyer W/Mr. Wrestling II & Brad Armstrong, Harley Race DCOR Andre the Giant, Tommy Rich W/Great Kabuki via DQ

2-21-82 Marietta: Rob Bass & Buzz Sawyer W/Ron Fuller & Big Red, Jerry Oates W/Ken Timms, Tommy Rogers W/ Buck Brannigan, Jim Garvin W/Kevin Sullivan via DQ, Les Thornton W/Ted Oates via COR

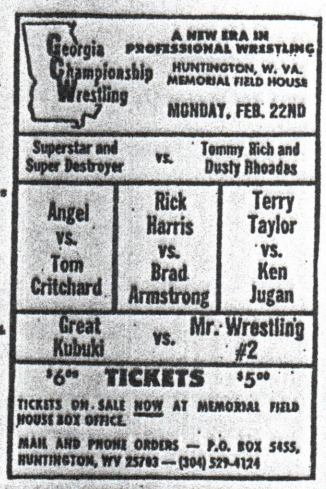
2-22-82 Augusta: Tommy Rogers W/The Avenger, Jerry Oates W/Ken Timms, Ted Oates W/Les Thornton via DQ, Jim Garvin W/Kevin Sullivan, Ron Bass & Buzz Sawyer W/Leroy Brown & Big Red

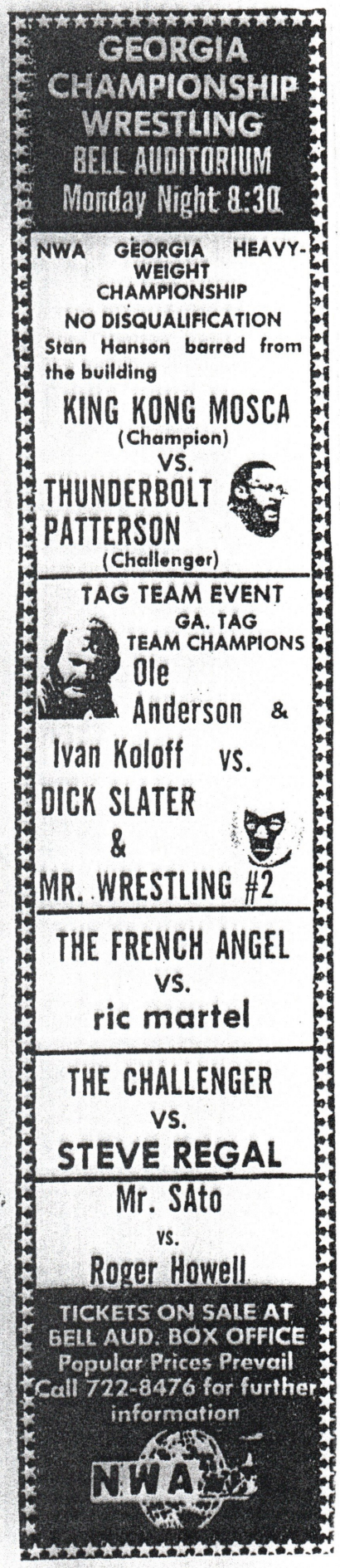
2-22-82 Huntington, W.VA.: Tom Pritchard W/The Angel, Terry Taylor W/Ken Jugan, Brad Armstrong W/Ricky Harris, Great Kabuki W/Mr. Wrestling II, The Superstar & Super Destroyer W/Tommy Rich & Dusty Thodes, Tommy Rich WON an 11 Man Battle Royal

2-24-82 Columbus: Bob Armstrong & Tommy Rich W/The Superstar & Super Destroyer via DQ, Jerry Oates W/Ricky Harris, Kevin Sullivan W/Tom Pritchard, Brad Armstrong D/Buzz Sawyer, Jim Garvin DCOR Ron Bass, Ted Oates W/Les Thronton via DQ

2-27-82 Augusta: Jim Garvin W/Ron Bass, Stan Hansen & Kevin Sullivan W/Ted & Jerry Oates, Brad Armstrong W/The Angel, Roddy Piper W/Bob Armstrong via COR, Ole Anderson W/Tommy Rich

2-27-82 Gadsden, AL.: Ron Fuller and Leroy Brown W/The Superstar and Super Destroyer, Big Red W/Ricky Harris, Tom Pritchard D/Buzz Sawyer, The Great Kabuki W/Bobby Garrett





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wrestling

WEDNESDAY
April 2, 1980

MIAMI BEACH
CONVENTION HALL

Southern Heavyweight Title Match
Dusty Rhodes vs. Nicoli Volkoff

Special Challenge Match
Bugsy McGraw vs. Bad Leroy Brown

Jack Brisco, Jim Garvin,
Steve Keirn & Manny Fernandez
—vs.—
Don Muraco, The Super Destroyer,
Mr. Saito & Bryan St. John

Mr. Florida vs. Nature Boy Stanley Lane

Jerry Brisco vs. Hector Guerrero

Barry Windham & Gordon Nelson
—vs.—
The Twin Devils

Mike Miller vs. Reggie Parks

Jeff Portz vs. Raul Matta

"The kids are out of school and they are some of our biggest fans. If the kids want to go somewhere, the parents have to take them and that means bigger attendance for everyone."

—Promoter Chris Dundee

Beach wrestling packs 'em in...

By Ed Lang
Sun Reporter Sports Editor

Chris Dundee's first Miami Beach wrestling match was in 1951. The local promoter remembers it well. "We opened with Mr. America going against Antonio Rocco," he recalls. "Mr. America was actually Gene Stanley and it was a great match."

The well-known promoter has made wrestling a staple of Miami Beach sports fans for 28 years now. The insatiable appetite for the sport, if you want to really call it that, is incredible.

Attendance figures for wrestling continue to climb and Dundee maintains that he is having a sensational summer. "Look," he says, " the kids are out of school and they are some of our biggest fans. If the kids want to go somewhere, the parents have to take them and that means bigger attendance for everyone."

The early days featured such wrestling "greats" as Bruno San Martino, 600-pound plus Haystack Calhoun, Killer Kawalski, Don Eagle and the mean Von Brauner Brothers.

Television played a big part in wrestling's early 50's success. TV was new and it was easy for local stations to set up a studio ring and let wrestlers do the things they like to do.

It was an action sport which required very little technical expertise on the part of rookie cameramen. Just point the camera in the ring and let the big bears provide the action.

The small confined ring provided an easy viewing space for TV watchers and helped push the sport to the top.

As the 1960s progressed, however, viewers and technicians became more sophisticated and wrestling on TV died on the vine. "Conditions were different," Dundee said. "Times were different. People didn't want to see too much violence and the violence they did see was boxing."

Muhammed Ali was in his glory in the 60s and boxing was the sport to follow. Dundee said that wrestling crowds were so sparse that he combined boxing and wrestling cards to keep everyone happy.

Today, the situation is completely reversed. At the last boxing card Dundee put on, a total of 800 fans showed up. Last week at the wrestling matches, 4,000 fans came to scream their favorites to victory.

Dundee places the credit for his attendance boost to television. "Let's face it, television helps keep wrestling in the spotlight," he says. "Every Saturday at noon on Channel Six, the wrestling matches are on and all our stars are on TV. Saturday at noon is a perfect time to catch the kids and that certainly doesn't hurt us."

The local promoter says that television coverage of wrestling has helped every area. "Do you realize that at Madison Square Garden in New York and in Philadelphia, wrestling creates sellouts."

Dundee himself is an avid wrestling fan. "Sure I enjoy watching it," he says. "I just like to relax and watch the wrestlers carry on. The fans love it also. They get excited and moved but when they walk out of the Convention Center, they feel happy and that's good."

Heroes have changed but the rate of change is not as dramatic as other professional sports. "Guys can wrestle in their 40s, 50s and even 60s," Dundee says. "Jim Londes was 60 years old when he retired. He was the Golden Greek and boy was he good."

Dusty Rhodes is, of course, the king of the hill locally. This week, for example, Dusty and Sweet Brown Sugar tangle with Killer Kahn and King Curtis, the first pair are the good guys and the later two are villains.

"Dusty is called 'The American Dream," Dundee says. "He is really our superstar."

The Brisco Brothers, Jack and Jerry, are still mighty popular and Mike Graham, son of wrestling legend Eddie Graham, is enjoying some of his father's former popularity.

"Then we have new names like Jim Garvin and Steve Keirn who are well-liked in the area. Dundee adds.

So while other summer activities are suffering from the doldroms, Chris Dundee is happily watching those turnstiles click as wrestling fanatics flock to the Convention Center every Wednesday night.

Wednesday 1979
Oct. 31, 8:00 p.m.

MIAMI
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LIGHTS OUT MATCH
No Disqualification
Mike Graham & Ray Stevens
- vs. —
Mr. Hito & Mr. Sakurada

FLORIDA HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE MATCH
Manny Fernandez vs. Terry Funk

SOUTHERN HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE MATCH
Sweet Brown Sugar vs. Ernie Ladd

Jerry Brisco & Haystacks Calhoun
— vs. —
Bugsy McGraw & Jos LeDuc

Tommy Rich vs. The Gestapo

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GARY FISHMAN'S FLORIDA MEMORIES (LATE 70'S/EARLY 80'S)

Another of the great NWA affiliated territories of the 70's into the early eighties was Florida with Eddie Graham as the promoter. Much of what happened there centered around Dusty Rhodes, who contrary to the opinion of many I believe did an excellent job in spite of his ego. I think his feud with the Funks was especially tremendous, and unlike Hogan he took his lumps. During that time period Terry Funk showed himself to be one of the top 2 or 3 heels of all time and his brother Dory though soft-spoken and dressed in a suit and tie, was a great villain personna. Some of the other Florida mainstays during that time were Mike Graham, Steve Kiern, Killer Karl Kox, Jimmy Garvin, The Briscos, Kendo Nagasaki, Hiro Matsuda, Manny Fernandez, Blackjack Mulligan, Barry Windham, etc, etc. In those days wrestlers moved from territory to territory so just about everyone in wrestling showed up at one time or another. Kevin Sullivan developed his occult personna during this period with his cohort being at first none other than Jake the Snake Roberts and later Mark Lewin and Bob Roop. David Von Erich had what I thought was a fine feud with Dory Jr. Other feuds which I particularly enjoyed from the Florida areas were Terry Funk vs. Manny Fernandez, Jack Brisco vs. Don Muraco, Harley Race vs. Dusty Rhodes, Dick Murdoch vs. Dick Slater and Ron Bass vs. Barry Windham. Managers in the area at different times were Sonny King, Sir Oliver Humperdink, JJ Dillon and Lord Alfred Hayes.

It is hard to imagine that on occasion Bob Backlund would come into the area to defend his WWWF belt. It sure wouldn't happen now with federations unwilling to cooperate with each other. My favorite incident was when Terry Funk invited jobber Bruce Walkup to a training session. When he got there Funk had a cage set up and he pulled him into the cage and beat him unmercifully with noone to stop it.

For me it was a golden era in wrestling...

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RAY STEVENS & MANUEL FERNANDEZ
— vs. —
BRYAN ST. JOHN & KILLER KHAN
JERRY BRISCO vs. TERRY FUNK
JIM GARVIN, STEVE KEIRN, & STEVE TRAVIS
— vs. —
MR. HITO, MR. SAKURADA & KING CURTIS
JERRY ROBERTS vs. BUGSY McGRAW
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— vs. —
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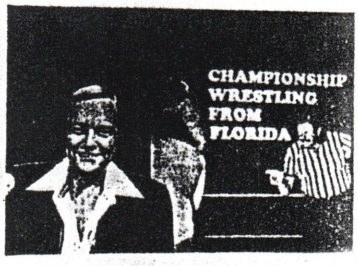

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EDDIE GRAHAM, MIKE GRAHAM & RAY STEVENS
— vs. —
MR. HITO, MR. SAKURADA & JOS LeDUC
SWEET BROWN SUGAR vs. BUGSY McGRAW
STEVE KEIRN & STEVE TRAVIS
— vs. —
BRYAN ST. JOHN & NATURE BOY STANLEY LANE
JERRY ROBERTS vs. KILLER KHAN
DON SERRANO vs. THE GESTAPO

Dec. 12, 8:00 p.m. 1979
HOLLYWOOD SPORTATORIUM

SPECIAL CHALLENGE MATCH
Bobo Brazil & Manny Fernandez
— vs. —
Bugsy McGraw & Bad Leroy Brown
Jack & Jerry Brisco
— vs. —
Bryan St. John & Nature Boy Stanley Lane
Steve Keirn vs. Mr. Sakurada
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Above: Houston, Texas 1/7/79

Funks to wrestle Von Erich brothers

The prestige of the two greatest wrestling families in Texas will be at stake tomorrow night at the Amarillo Sports Arena.

David and Kevin Von Erich will risk their Texas Tag-Team Championship against Terry and Dory Funk Jr.

Most followers know Terry and Dory Jr. are the sons of the late Dory Funk Sr., who was a headliner in this area for almost 30 years.

David and Kevin are the sons of Fritz Von Erich, who made the iron claw one of the most feared holds in professional wrestling. Fritz is still competing and has been president of the National Wrestling Alliance.

Bruiser Brody and Gino Hernendez claimed they won the tag-team title from David and Kevin recently. A Sept. 4 match settled the title.

The Von Erichs won with Kevin stopping Hernandez with an iron claw at Fort Worth.

Dick Murdoch will return for a $5,000 Golden Challenge Match with Adrian Adonis. Murdoch will win the $5,000 if he pins the shoulders of Adonis in 10 minutes.

Ted DiBiase will challenge Mr. Pogo for the Brass Knucks Championship. The card opens at 8:30 p.m. with Rip Hawk meeting Bill Ash. Mr. X takes on Dennis Stamp. Roger Kirby and Noah Jones will square off. Doug Somers meets Scott Casey.

The Amarillo Sports Arena box office opens at noon tomorrow. Championship prices will start at $4.50 for ringside.

Murdoch to face Adonis in rematch

It was easy for promoter Jerry Kozak to match Dick Murdoch and Adrian Adonis in the main wrestling event tomorrow night at the Amarillo Sports Arena.

Both matman wanted a rematch.

Their differences started Sept. 14 when Murdoch failed to win the $5,000 when he couldn't pin the shoulders of Adonis in 10 minutes.

On Sept. 28, Murdoch served as the referee when Terry Funk and Terry Daniels won over Adonis and Dennis Stamp. Funk pinned Stamp with a cradle at 9:05.

But Funk and Daniels were disappointed they didn't win $5,000 by pinning the shoulders of Adonis.

Last Thursday, Murdoch stopped Adonis with a back flip in 20:13.

The semifinal will be another rematch with Ted DiBiase and the Super Destroyer going against Mr. Pogo and Mr. Sato.

The Japanese matmen were disqualified last Thursday when Mr. Sato jumped in the ring trying to help his partner.

The card opens at 8:30 p.m. with Alex Perez meets the returning Bill Cody. Jim Cook and Ratamyus, both newcomers, tangle. Ricky Romero takes on Roger Kirby.

The Amarillo Sports Arena box office opens at 4 p.m. tomorrow. Regular prices will be charged.

The Toys for Tots Drive starts tomorrow. Each fan bringing a new or usable toy will receive $1 discount on a ringside ticket. The Marines will repair the toys for needy children for Christmas.

The drive will continue through Dec. 7.

Above & far right: both Amarillo, Texas 11/18/78

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(ORDER OF MATCHES SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

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vs. DRAW

CHALLENGER
TONY ATLAS
250 lbs. Roanoke, VA.

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315 lbs. Clearwater, Fla.
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235 lbs. El Paso, Texas
&
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224 lbs. Houston, Texas

TULLY BLANCHARD
235 lbs. San Antonio, Texas

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MIKE GRAHAM
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PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

Sunday, May 6, 1984 - - - 3:00 P.M.

FIRST EVENT
JOHNNY MANTEL, Montague Co. 235 VS KELLY KINISKI, Canada 265

OPENING CEREMONIES

SECOND EVENT
THE JUNKYARD DOG, Louisiana 245 VS THE MISSING LINK, ??? 245

AMERICAN TAG TEAM TITLE MATCH

Champions		Challenger
SUPER DESTROYER I, U.S.A. 245	VS	ICEMAN KING PARSONS, St. Louis 230
And		And
SUPER DESTROYER II, U.S.A. 245		BUCK "ROCK N' ROLL" ZUMHOFE, Hawaii 230

WORLD SIX MAN TAG-TEAM TITLE MATCH
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MICHAEL HAYES, Atlanta 260	VS	FRITZ VON ERICH, Denton Co. 270
TERRY GORDY, Atlanta 270		KEVIN VON ERICH, Denton Co. 235
BUDDY ROBERTS, Atlanta 245		MIKE VON ERICH, Denton Co. 222

INTERMISSION — FIFTEEN MINUTES

KIMALA THE UGANDAN GIANT, Uganda 330 — SKANDOR AKBOR, Manager VS THE GREAT KABUKI, Singapore 235 — GARY HART, Manager

SIXTH EVENT
CHICK DONOVAN, Los Angeles 240 VS (HACKSAW) BUTCH REED, Louisiana 240

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NWA WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE MATCH

Champion		Challengers
RIC FLAIR, Minneapolis 245	VS	KERRY VON ERICH, Denton Co. 270

(No Disqualification — No Time Limit)

INTERMISSION — TEN MINUTES

MIXED TAG-TEAM MATCH

GENTLEMAN CHRIS ADAMS, England 235	VS	GORGEOUS JIM GARVIN, Miami 235
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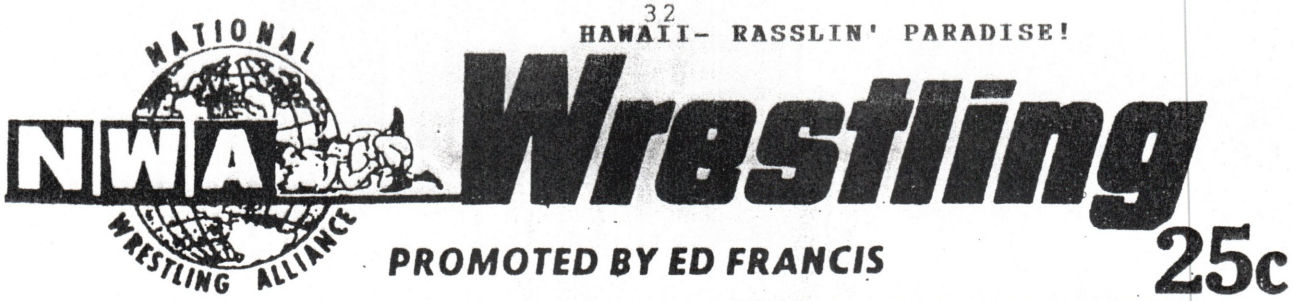

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SPECIAL ATTRACTION
(GRUDGE MATCH - NO DISQUALIFICATION)

THE SHEIK vs BOBO BRAZIL

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SUPPORTING MATCHES

LITTLE BRUISER and LITTLE CRUSHER vs COWBOY LANG and BOBO JOHNSON

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SUPPORTING MATCHES

FRED BLASSIE vs ED FRANCIS

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SUPPORTING MATCHES

TARZAN TYLER vs SAM STEAMBOAT

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OPENING MATCH

CURTIS "THE BULL" IAUKEA vs JIMMY SNUKA

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BOUNCING BAMBI BALL

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MAIN EVENT

THE ISRAELITES
(JEWISH CHAMPS)

VS.

JODY ARNOLD
&

PAUL HARVEY

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EDDIE LOPEZ VS. FRED GOMEZ

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JERRY & EDDIE GRAHAM	1959	1960
RED & LOU BASTIEN	1960	1960
THE KANGAROOS (AL COSTELLO/ROY HEFFERMAN)	1960	1961
BUDDY ROGERS/JOHNNY VALENTINE	1961	1961
THE KANGAROOS (AL COSTELLO/ROY HEFFERMAN)	1961	1/62
JOHNNY VALENTINE/BOB ELLIS	1/62	7/62
BUDDY ROGERS/JOHNNY BAREND	7/62	3/63
BUDDY AUSTIN/THE GREAT SCOTT	3/63	5/63
SKULL MURPHY/BRUTE BERNARD	5/63	11/63
GORILLA MONSOON/KILLER KOWALSKI	11/63	12/63
CHRIS & JOHN TOLOS	12/63	2/64
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TORU TANAKA/MITSU ARAKAWA	6/69	12/69
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TORU TANAKA/MR. FUJI	9/73	12/73
DEAN HO/TONY GAREA	12/73	5/74
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YUKON LUMBERJACKS (SCOTT IRWIN/PIERRE LeBEOUF)	6/78	11/78
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THE SAMOANS (AFA & SIKA)	4/80	8/80
PEDRO MORALES/BOB BACKLUND	8/80	8/80 (b)
THE SAMOANS (AFA & SIKA)	9/80 (c)	11/80
TONY GAREA/RICK MARTEL	11/80	3/81
THE MOONDOGS (REX & KING)	3/81	7/81
TONY GAREA/RICK MARTEL	7/81	10/81
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CHIEF JAY STRONGBOW/JULES STRONGBOW (FRANK HILL)	6/82	6/82 (d)
MR. FUJI/MR. SAITO	7/82	10/82
CHIEF JAY STRONGBOW/JULES STRONGBOW	10/82	3/83
THE SAMOANS (AFA & SIKA)	3/83	11/83
ROCKY JOHNSON/TONY ATLAS	11/83	5/84
ADRIAN ADONIS/DICK MURDOCH	5/84	1/85
BARRY WINDHAM/MIKE ROTUNDO	1/85	3/85
NICOLAI VOLKOFF/THE IRON SHEIK (KHOSROW VAZIRI)	3/85	7/85
BARRY WINDHAM/MIKE ROTUNDO	7/85	8/85
GREG VALENTINE/BRUTUS BEEFCAKE	8/85	4/86
DYNAMITE KID/DAVEY BOY SMITH	4/86	1/87
BRET HART/JIM NEIDHART	1/87	11/87
TITO SANTANA/RICK MARTEL	11/87	AFTER THIS POINT, WHO CARES!

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BUDDY ROGERS		5/17/63	NEW YORK CITY
BRUNO SAMMARTINO	5/17/63	1/18/71	NEW YORK CITY
IVAN KOLLOF	1/18/71	2/8/71	NEW YORK CITY
PEDRO MORALES	2/8/71	12/1/73	NEW YORK CITY
STAN STASIAK	12/1/73	12/10/73	PHILADELPHIA
BRUNO SAMMARTINO	12/10/73	4/30/77	NEW YORK CITY
BILLY GRAHAM	4/30/77	2/20/78	BALTIMORE
BOB BACKLUND	2/20/78	12/26/83	NEW YORK CITY
THE IRON SHEIK	12/26/83	1/23/84	NEW YORK CITY
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DESTROYER, ROMANO and HOFFMAN

SKALAND vs. HOLTZ

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HUNT vs. DURSO

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PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE

We reserve the right to change the order of events

By Mike Lupica

THE LITLE OFFICE above the drugstore on the corner of Brpad and Market in Newark was already stuffy, old and stuffy, and the white paint on the walls had died and gone to gray and brown. Willie Gilzenberg didn't care. This was another place where he and the sport of wrestling laughed at appearances and the world, this headquarters for the World Wide Wrestling Federation, and now Willie's words rose in the heat of the room and began to swirl around it, sending a rare message out about his sport with such speed and force as to stir up ancient dust.

"Advance publicity? Who needs advance publicity?" Willie Gilzenberg said. He is 75 and the self-appointed president of the WWWF. The rush of his words suggested he will make 76 in October. Such a laugh is publicity. We've learned to live without it. We've learned the hard way, with our pockets, with our pocket money. We know how to conduct the wrestling business. Do we need the newspapers clowning around with wrestling? HAH!

"Our show at Madison Square Garden for Monday night is banged out now. Should we promote seats when there are no seats? Why waste a thousand good dollars? The only seats left are 1200 on the top shelf, seats people buy only when they are compelled to buy. You know what wrestlers look like from up there? Midgets. Midgets! So they go to Felt Forum and watch on closed circuit television, like maybe they are at the motion pictures.

"Go ahead," Willie said, pausing to catch his breath. He had a stroke once, in 1964. He did not want to have another talking to a newspaperman. "Go ahead and laugh at wrestling. Call it craziness. We are the ones who laugh. We have a great sport. You know why it is great? Because people scream, that's why."

That is it, of course. People come to wrestling matches in this country, and they watch kicking and gouging and bodies being thrown into the air and referees being punched and all manner of slapstick, and they care little whether it is real or sham. They hardly listen after WWWF-sanctioned matches when the announcer, per order of the State Athletic Commission, must refer to the match as "an exhibition." What they mainly do is scream.

Tomorrow night at the Garden, in one of the 13 wrestling shows that will be staged there this year, more than 25,000 people will come out to scream. They will pack the Garden, just like Willie Gilzenberg says. The overflow will go to Felt Forum, just like Willie says. There will be eight matches, including the main event between world champion Super-Star Billy Graham and former champ Bruno Sammartino for the WWWF championship belt.

The last time Graham and Bruno fought was on June 27. Both were disqualified because of this difficulty they had with the referee. The difficulty was that Graham and Bruno kept knocking the referee down. Over and over again.

"I wasn't watching so closely," said Willie, who will be on hand to present the championship belt tomorrow night. "But every time I looked up one of them was knocking that poor referee down."

But Willie, no ineffectual Bowie Kuhn-type commissioner, has taken corrective measures. The referee for tomorrow's rematch will be Bob Marella of Wallington, N.J. Marella frequently goes by another name. It is Gorilla Monsoon. He weighs 400 pounds. Willie Gilzenberg is confident that no one will be knocking down any referees tomorrow night.

"Will they be wanting a piece of Gorilla Monsoon?" asked Willie, smiling through teeth with wonderful gaps between them. "I am thinking not. I am thinking that there will be no disqualifications tomorrow night, except by serious injury."

Willie said that as soon as the double disqualification was called on June 27, it was announced to the crowd that the rematch would be on Aug. 1. The next morning there were crowds stretching all the way through the lobby of the Garden, buying tickets. They didn't know anything about the card, except that Graham and Sammartino would be on it.

"The controversy was pleasant," said Gilzenberg. But unimportant. The people would have come anyway. The people always come."

"These people," says Garden vice-president for boxing John Condon, who must kill himself promoting every fight that is fought in Madison Square, "they couldn't care less about publicity. An inch in the newspapers and that's it. No posters. No nothing. And they gotta use Felt Forum for closed circuit. Amazing."

IT IS NOT amazing to Vince McMahon's Capitol Wrestling Corporation, which will promote tomorrow night's card, just as it promotes most wrestling shows from Virginia to the Canadian border. McMahon's company also distributes most televised wrestling shows. And it is not amazing to Willie Gilzenberg, who has been promoting boxing and wrestling since the 1920s, and he has learned a little something about what people will pay their money to watch.

"I'm 75 and I'm still hanging around with you young fellows," Willie said to a visitor to his little office one morning last week. "I must still know what I'm doing or they would have replaced me."

"The only way to replace you," said Carmine Bilotti, who has worked with Willie since 1928, and who wears nice blue suits, "is to take you to the police firing range and use you as a target."

The stroke has slowed Willie's walk now, and at times speaking is a great labor. His smile is of lost fights in his youth. But the blue eyes are clear and the white hair is parted carefully in the middle of his head, and when he talks to you about wrestling the words are bright, like his eyes. He is a promoter who is putting something over right until the end.

"People come to the Garden and they buy tickets and then they ask who's fighting," Willie said. "AFTER they buy the tickets. At the Garden they say 'We don't know.' They call me. I tell them."

Then he talked about wrestling as he has known it across all the years of his business. About Strangler Lewis and Jim McMillan and the Zebysko Brothers of the '20s and '30s. About a man named Joe "Toots" Mondt, who was Strangler Lewis' "policeman" in the '30s; to get a fight with the great Strangler you first had to beat Toots. Willie talked about how television made wrestling in the '50s, and has continued to make it ever since.

Now the sport is about Super-Star Billy Graham and Sammartino. Sammartino has held the world championship for most of the last 14 years, and has become a legend in wrestling. But Graham, who looks like a balding, more fearsome version of Gorgeous George, took Bruno's title on a questionable decision in Baltimore in April. Then came the terrible double disqualification. In professional wrestling, you can commit all sorts of felonies, but the title cannot switch hands on a disqualification. So Graham kept his title, and the rematch of the rematch is tomorrow night.

"We give the people this kind of excitement," Willie said. "Excitement like this" — he stood up slowly and pantomined someone being thrown to the ground. "And we've never tried to get rich in a night. We charge four dollars to eight dollars and that's it."

Then Willie smiled the gapped smile, looking young in the old room.

"But you know what the best part is?" he said. "The best part is that I'm 75, and I've got me this sport and I don't have to solicit anymore. The people just come to me."

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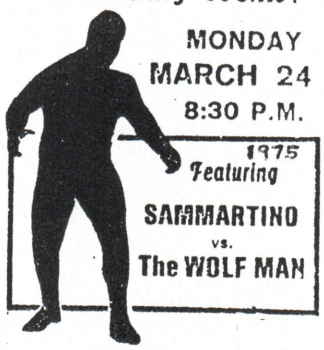

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MONDT PUTS STEEL CITY BACK ON TOP

PITTSBURGH FORGES INTO INTERNATIONAL MAT SPOTLIGHT AS FORBES FIELD HITS $50,000 JULY 7th!

Story by BOB LUCE

Once again Pittsburgh wrestling fans have seen 'In action' the brilliant promotional ability of Mr. Toots Mondt.

On July 7th at famed Forbes Field, home of the World Champion Pittsburgh Pirates, another parade of wrestling champions made their appearance on an all-star, 9-bout wrestling card that had all the ingredients of talent, personality, sheer brute strength, and hard fought wrestling bouts that could ever hope to be packed into one gigantic, thrill-packed major mat extravaganza!

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This time a record-breaking 16,000 strong jammed into beautiful Forbes Field to view a double main event of earth-shaking proportions. First there came the return grudge battle between that master of mayhem, the one and only 'CRUSHER,' versus the new handsome blond sensation of the Nation, Johnny Valentine. As was the case in their first historic meeting in this very same Forbes Field on June 9 (a scant 28 days previous) once again they locked up in fast, furious, bloody action. It was the kind of match that made fans cringe one moment; rise up in protest the next; then settle down, breathless, to await further battle tactics. Throughout, every one of the 16,000 screaming wrestling loyalists in attendance sat pop-eyed . . . never once taking their eyes off of the two giant gladiators as each mustered every ounce of willingness and ring battle savvy to master the other.

Following the Crusher vs. Valentine encounter came the new N. W. A. World's Heavyweight Wrestling Champion, the one and only BUDDY "Nature Boy" ROGERS, making his first official defense of his title belt since dethroning Pat O'Connor on June 30th before a new World record-shattering attendance of 38,000 fans in Chicago's world-famous Comiskey Park.

WRESTLING LIFE extends its sincere and wholehearted congratulations to the indomitable spirit and energetic qualities of a one Mr. Toots Mondt, the veteran wrestling promoter who has exerted so much of his own devoted efforts in behalf of the furthering of professional wrestling in the great state of Pennsylvania, and the city of Pittsburgh in particular. Let this man's forthright ambition and tedious hard work serve as a reminder to the world in general that America's love of wrestling is a bright beacon that will burn forever in the heart and mind of every true-blooded sports fan.

Further, we the Editors of WRESTLING LIFE would like to go on record with regards to the fact that Toots Mondt has earned the right to sit alongside Fred Kohler of Chicago and Vince McMahon of Washington as the top three candidates for Promoter of the Year honors in this great year of 1961.

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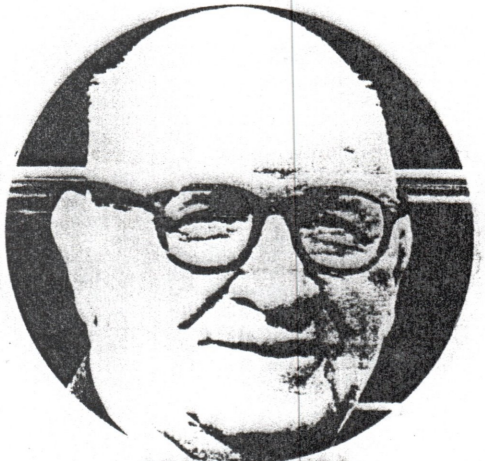

TOOTS MONDT

THE CHAMP THOMAS INTERVIEW BY: BOYCE JOHANSEN

(EDITOR'S NOTE: I felt this brief interview would be of interest to historians as it touches on the subject of "boom-battling", which to a certain extent is the forefather of outrageous gimmicks like scaffold matches and is rarely if ever mentioned in the sheets. Also, Champ is a wrestling historian and thus a man after my own heart! Boyce publishes Wrestle Gram, a new bulletin that you can check out for $2 from 5424 W. 69th Ave. Arvada, CO. 80003).

BOYCE JOHANSEN ON CHAMP THOMAS

I was up in a place called Heritage Square, a tourist attraction in Golden, Colorado a couple of months ago checking out a new boxing/wrestling exhibit. I paid my way in and was looking around when a man in his late 70's/early 80's came up behind me and introduced himself as Champ Thomas. We started talking wrestling. For over 60 years he wrestled, boom battled and boxed. He lost only 30 of over 700 matches. He told me how his wife, who was also a pro wrestler, beat Mildred Burker bloody when Burke tried to hit on old Champ. The boxing/wrestling museum is full of old newspaper clippings, life size cardboard cut-outs and more.

Champ retired about 5 years ago and is about to start his own promotion soon. For almost 60 years Champ Thomas dazzled fans across the country around the world with his wrestling skill and rugged toughness. He now lives with his wife in the city of Denver and is the owner and operator of the "International boxing and wrestling museum".

BJ: From what I've seen of your boxing/wrestling museum I can tell you've participated in many different sports. You were a boxer, wrestler and something called a boom battler. What exactly is boom battling?

CT: Boom battling is supposed to have been invented by pirates back in the pirate days on board ships. They used to lower the ship's boom and make the captives get out on that boom and fight and they had nothing but sharks down below so they were fetched to be killed. Later the Navy took it over and started using it to make arguing sailors settle their differences on the boom. They would fight until one of them couldn't go any longer. It usually was set about 5 feet above the deck and you just had a small rope wrapped around the boom and you sat facing each other anywhere from eyeball distance to 18 inches and then you had one hand free and hit with that one hand. You tried anyway you knew how to knock the other guy off. Very tough sport, alot of people have been seriously injuring doing it and that is why its not around anymore. If you didn't remember to hold on right or keep your balance you went off and the fall would usually hurt you more than the punches.

BJ: In your prime as a young wrestler, who were some of your toughest matches against?

CT: Oh, I would have to say some of my toughest matches came from guys like Bobo Brazil. I wrestled him hundreds of times. I had another match with a guy...I'm trying to think of his name...anyhow, we were in a match somewhere out east and we had been wrestling a pretty good match together when he cocked me a good one. I shook it off and thought nothing of it. The second time he done it I got a little wary of him and the third time he did it I figured he wanted to do a shoot match so I went off and nailed him once in the nose causing the bones in the top of his nose to go straight out of the skin. You can't just go in there and do a shoot match the whole time, Christ, wrestling shoot matches six times a week could kill a man. You can make it look realistic if you just work at it. You have to learn the holds before you have a chance at this game...

BJ: Thanks so much for the interview Mr. Thomas...

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The Other Wrestling Show in Town

By VIC ZIEGEL

Estelle Molina, the North American ladies' champion, drop-kicks her opponent, Daisy Mae, to the canvas. Daisy Mae struggles to her feet and is kicked in the stomach. Daisy Mae falls again and Estelle stomps on her back. Estelle grabs Daisy Mae by the hair . . .

"The record for a wrestling show," says Eddie Einhorn, a major stockholder in the International Wrestling Assn., "is $140,000 in Chicago,s Comiskey Park. Our Thursday show in Roosevelt Stadium has 11 matches and 30 wrestlers and we're hoping to break the Chicago record. We've already got an advance sale of $51,000, 6000 people, and we're shooting for 15,000."

Estelle whips Daisy Mae into the ropes and when she bounces off Estelle throws an elbow into her neck. Estelle punches Daisy Mae, twice in the stomach, once in the head. Daisy Mae crashes to the floor and Estelle steps on her throat. That's followed by two kicks to the stomach. Estelle pulls Daisy Mae by the hair . . .

"We formed the IWA in January," Einhorn says. "There's $75 million a year in wrestling revenue and the World Wide Wrestling Federation, that's the group that controls the game in this part of the country, is good for $5 to $7 million a year. We want to compete and we want a fair fight but we're running into problems. They're trying to get to my wrestlers and my ads in the newspapers get moved."

Estelle holds her opponent's pigtails and slams her forehead against that of Daisy Mae, who lurches backward, losing her balance. Estelle jumps on her stomach. Daisy Mae struggles to her feet and Estelle whips her against a ringpost. Daisy Mae sinks to the floor and Estelle yanks her hair . . .

"We haven't really talked to the Garden yet about running shows," Einhorn says, "but we did try to get into the Nassau Coliseum, where the WWWF also runs. We sent them a letter and we didn't get an answer. The answer to our second letter was no. And that was ridiculous, since the WWWF wasn't drawing more than 3000 people a show until a few months ago. I wrote to Ralph Caso, the Nassau County Executive, and asked him how a public building that was losing money could afford to turn us down and he said the WWWF had signed a two-year exclusive contract with the Nassau Coliseum. Well, that's just nonsense and I'll fight that."

The Mighty Igor follows the women into the ring at Gleason's Gym. The Mighty Igor is sitting on the canvas, a bath towel folded over his head, a cinderblock balanced on the towel.

"The towel is to keep any pieces of the block from digging into Igor's head," explains Ivan Kalmikoff, Igor's concerned manager. The manager is holding a sledgehammer. "There isn't enough room here or we could demonstrate some of Igor's more incredible feats of strength. I have started a car, rolled it right up to Igor, kept it in gear, pushed it up to 70 and 80 miles an hour, and Igor uses his feet to hold the car back. The wheels just keep spinning. After a minute the rubber burns off."

Kalmikoff raises the sledge hammer, the wrestler and his manager count one, two, three in Polish, and Kalmikoff brings the hammer down on the cinderblock. Which cracks in several pieces, splintering around the ring. The towel is still on Igor's head, which is still on Igor's shoulders. The crowd applauds the Mighty Igor's head. Igor applauds too.

"In Omaha," the manager says, "we tied Igor to a rope dangling from a helicopter. There was a rope connected around Igor's waist that was attached to a sling with a horse inside, 1600 pounds, and he lifted the horse. We wanted to do it a different place but the horse kept kicking out of the sling. So we put two big guys in a Volkswagen and we put that in the sling and Igor lifted that. But people kept asking, 'Where's the horse?' People are funny, huh?"

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ROOSEVELT STADIUM - JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY

FIRST BOUT 8:30 P.M.

MAIN EVENT

IWA INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

Mil Marcaras		Ivan Koloff
CHAMPION	VS	CHALLENGER
Mexico City, Mexico 236 lbs.		Odessa, Russia 268 lbs.

NO CONTEST

NORTH AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

Bulldog Brower		Mighty Igor
CHAMPION	VS	CHALLENGER
Wilmington, Deleware 285 lbs.		Poland 265 lbs.
		Ivan Kalmikoff - Manager

NO CONTEST

AMERICAN WRESTLING ASSOCIATION HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE CHANGES: COMPILED BY RON DOBRATZ

7-11-61 - Gene Kiniski defeated Verne Gagne in Minneapolis, MN.

8-8-61 - Verne Gagne regained the AWA championship belt in Bloomington, MN.

1-9-62 - Mr. M (Bill Miller) defeated Gagne in Minneapolis, MN.

8-21-62 - Verne Gagne regained the AWA title in Minneapolis, MN.

7-9-63 - Crusher Lisowski defeated Gagne in Minneapolis, MN.

7-20-63 - Gagne regained the AWA championship in Minneapolis, MN.

7-27-63 - Fritz Von Erich defeated Gagne in Omaha, NE.

8-8-63 - Verne Gagne regained the AWA belt in Amarillo, TX.

11-28-63- Crusher Lisowski defeated Gagne in St.Paul, MN.

12-14-63- Verne Gagne regained the AWA title in Minneapolis, MN.

10-24-64- Mad Dog Vachon defeated Gagne in Minneapolis, MN.

8-21-65 - Crusher Lisowski defeated Vachon to become champion for the 3rd time. St.Paul, MN.

11-11-65- Mad Dog Vachon won the AWA title for the 2nd time in Denver,CO.

2-26-66 - Verne Gagne celebrated his 40th birthday by becoming AWA champion for the 7th time in St.Paul, MN.

11-8-75 - Nick Bockwinkel, with interference from Bobby Duncum, defeated Gagne in St.Paul, MN.

7-18-80 - Verne Gagne used a sleeper to defeat Bockwinkel in Chicago, IL.

5-10-81 - After defeating Bockwinkel by turning his Japanese sleeper into a suplex, Gagne retired. The AWA decided to name #1 challenger, Bockwinkel, the new champion rather than hold a tournament.

8-29-82 - Otto Wanz used a suplex in St.Paul, MN. to defeat Bockwinkel.

10-9-82 - Bockwinkel regained the AWA title, pinning Wanz in Chicago, IL.

2-22-84 - Tomomi (Jumbo) Tsuruta defeated Bockwinkel in Tokyo, Japan.

5-13-84 - Rick Martel defeated Tsuruta in St.Paul, MN.

12-29-85- Stan Hansen made Martel submit to Boston Crab in E.Rutherford,NJ.

6-29-86 - Nick Bockwinkel was named the AWA champion, when Hansen left the arena in Denver, CO. without defending the title against Bockwinkel.

5-2-87 - Curt Hennig received a roll of dimes from Larry Zbyszko and knocked Bockwinkel out in San Francisco, CA.

5-9-88 - Jerry Lawler defeated Hennig in Memphis, TN.

12-13-89- Jerry Lawler defeated World Class Heavyweight Champion, Kerry Von Erich in a "unification" match in Chicago, IL.

Disagreements between the American Wrestling Association and Jerry Lawler caused the promotion to strip Lawler of their title recognition.

2-7-90 - A Battle Royal was held in St.Paul, MN. to determine the new AWA Champion. Larry Zbyszko was the winner, Tom Zenk the last eliminated.

2-10-90 - Masanori Saito defeated Zbyszko in Tokyo, Japan.

4-8-90 - Larry Zbyszko regained the AWA title, defeating Mr. Saito in St.Paul,MN

* JOHNNY POWERS doesn't give much of a weight advantage to anyone he meets in the ring. The Hamilton, Ont., gent tips the scales at 265.

* MAD DOG VACHONE picks his friend Sky Low Low as the greatest Midget Wrestler in the world.

PRESENTED BY

ATHLETIC MATCHMAKERS OF WISCONSIN

AUDITORIUM ARENA

FRIDAY, MAY 5, 1967

(We Reserve the Right to Change the Order of Events)

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THE MAIN EVENT
WORLD TAG-TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

LARRY HENNIG (270) Robbinsdale, Minn. and HARLEY RACE (255) Los Angeles —VS.— THE CRUSHER (253) Milwaukee and LOU THESZ (242) Houston, Texas

Two of Three Falls, One Hour Time Limit

SEMI-FINAL

JOHN VALENTINE (242) New Jersey —VS.— REG PARKS (234) Australia

One Fall

JUNIOR HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP BOUT

DANNY HODGE (221) Tulsa, Okla. —VS.— BOB BOYER (224) Atlanta

One Fall

MIDGETS
TAG-TEAM MATCH

LITTLE BEAVER and COWBOY BRADLEY —VS.— SKY LOW LOW and JACK CASSIDY

2 out of Three Falls

OPENER

JOHNNY POWERS (241) Canada —VS.— RENE GOULET (265) Hamilton, Ont.

* JOHNNY VALENTINE should prove to be one of the toughest wrestlers to hit the Upper Midwest in years. He's nationally known, especially in New York City, where his presence on a card has filled Madison Square Garden more than once, Valentine has met and toppled the best wrestlers in the east and has firmly announced he has the same thing in mind for Milwaukee.

* RENE GOULET is making a Milwaukee appearance tonight for the first time. Fans appreciated his style of wrestling when Goulet was last in the Midwest, and he's back to gain additional recognition.

* DANNY HODGE, the world junior heavyweight champ, wants a victory over Bob Boyer in the worst way tonight. Hodge has set his sights on becoming the only man to hold both the junior and top heavy titles, and a victory over Boyer tonight will carry considerable prestige.

AMERICAN WRESTLING ASSOCIATION TAG TEAM TITLE CHANGES:

8-20-63 - Dick the Bruiser & Crusher Lisowski defeated Ivan & Karol Kalmikoff in Minneapolis, MN.

2-9-64 - Moose Evans & Verne Gagne beat Bruiser & Crusher in Minneapolis,MN.

2-23-64 - Bruiser & Crusher regained the tag team belts in St.Paul, MN.

1-30-65 - "Pretty Boy" Larry Hennig & "Handsome" Harley Race defeated Bruiser & Crusher in Minneapolis, MN.

7-24-65 - Verne Gagne & Crusher Lisowski defeated Hennig & Race in Minneapolis.

8-7-65 - Larry Hennig & Harley Race regained the title in Minneapolis.

5-28-66 - Bruiser & Crusher defeated Hennig & Race in Minneapolis, MN.

1-6-67 - Hennig & Race became AWA tag champs for the 3rd time, beating Bruiser & Crusher in Chicago, IL.

11-10-67- Pat O'Connor & Wilbur Snyder defeated Harley Race & Chris Markoff in Chicago, IL. Markoff was chosen to replace Larry Hennig, who had his leg injured in a title bout with Verne Gagne.

12-2-67 - Dr. Moto (Tor Kamata) & Mitsu Arakawa beat Snyder & O'Connor in Chicago

12-20-68- Bruiser & Crusher beat Dr.Moto & Arakawa in Chicago, IL.

8-30-69 - Mad Dog & Butcher Vachon beat Bruiser & Crusher in Chicago,IL.

5-15-71 - Hercules Cortez & Red Bastien beat the Vachons in Milwaukee, WI.

7-24-71 - Hercules Cortez was killed in an automobile accident, driving from Winnipeg to Minneapolis. Bastien chose the Crusher to replace him.

1-20-72 - Nick Bockwinkel & Ray Stevens defeated Bastien & Crusher in Denver,CO.

7-21-74 - Billy Robinson & the Crusher defeated Bockwinkel & Stevens in Green Bay, WI. when Billy moved and Ray accidentally kneedropped Nick.

10-24-74- Bockwinkel & Stevens regained the AWA title in Winnipeg.

8-16-75 - Bruiser & Crusher became AWA tag team champions for the 5th time when they defeated Bockwinkel & Stevens in Chicago. Nick & Ray used a foreign object successfully to win the 2nd fall, but Ray accidentally hit Nick, costing them the 3rd fall. Last title change in a two-out-of-three-fall match.

7-23-76 - BlackJack Lanza & Bobby Duncum defeated Bruiser & Crusher in a cage match in Chicago, with Bockwinkel slipping brassknuckles to Duncum.

7-7-77 - Greg Gagne & Jim Brunzell defeated Duncum & Lanza in Winnipeg.

9-22-78 - It was announced Jim Brunzell would not be able to wrestle for more than 30 days because of a staph infection suffered in a baseball game. The AWA awarded the title belts to the "highflyers" number one challengers, Pat Patterson & Ray Stevens.

6-6-79 - Verne Gagne & Mad Dog Vachon defeated Ray & Pat in Winnipeg.

July 1980- After Verne Gagne won the heavyweight title, the tag team belts were handed to their #1 challengers, Adrian Adonis & Jesse Ventura.

6-14-81 - Greg Gagne & Jim Brunzell defeated the "East-West Connection" to regain the AWA tag team championship in Green Bay, WI.

6-26-83 - Jerry Blackwell & Ken Patera won title in Minneapolis when Adnan El Kaissie hit Brunzell with the cast on his hand.

5-6-84 - Crusher Lisowski became AWA tag team champion for the 9th time when he teamed with Baron Von Raschke to beat Patera & Blackwell in Green Bay

8-25-84 - The Road Warriors defeated Raschke & Crusher in Las Vegas, NV.

9-29-85 - Jimmy Garvin (with help from valet Precious) & Steve Regal defeated Animal & Hawk in St.Paul, MN.

1-18-86 - Scott Hall & Curt Hennig defeated Garvin & Regal in Albuquerque,NM.

5-17-86 - Col. DeBeers rammed Scott Hal headfirst into the ringpost in Hammond,IN. helping Buddy Rose & Doug Somers become tag team champions.

1-27-87 - Sean MIchaels & Marty Janetty beat Somers & Rose in Bloomington, MN.

5-22-87 - Soldat Ustinov & Boris Zhukov beat Michaels & Janetty in Lake Tahoe,NV.

10-11-87- Jerry Lawler & Bill Dundee beat Ustinov & Doug Somers (who was subbing for Zhukov) in Memphis, TN.

11-2-87 - Dennis Condrey & Randy Rose (calling themselves the "Original Midnight Express") defeated Lawler & Dundee in Whitewater, WI.

12-27-87- Marty Janetty & Sean Michaels defeated Rose & Condrey in Las Vegas, NV.

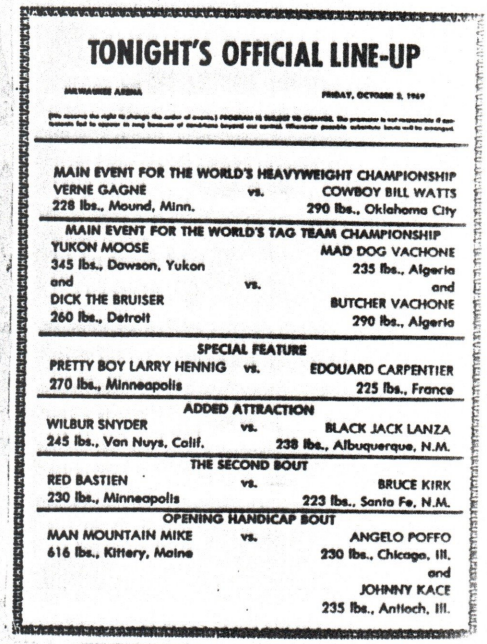
3-19-88 - Pat Tanaka & Paul Diamond beat Michaels & Janetty in Las Vegas, NV.

3-25-89 - Ken Patera & Brad Rheingans beat "Badd Company" in Rochester, MN.

10-1-89 - Wayne Bloom & Mike Enos, who had injured Ken Patera, won the finals of the tournament to select new tag team champions from Greg Gagne & Brad Rheingans in Rochester, MN.

8-11-90 - The Trooper (Patriot Del Wilkes) & D.J. Peterson defeated the "Destruction Crew" in Rochester, MN.

It marked the 13th time the tag team title had changed hands in Minnesota. Fourteen times the American Wrestling Association heavyweight championship was won in Minnesota.



TONIGHT'S OFFICIAL LINE-UP

MILWAUKEE ARENA — FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1959

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MAIN EVENT FOR THE WORLD'S HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP
VERNE GAGNE, 228 lbs., Mound, Minn. vs. COWBOY BILL WATTS, 290 lbs., Oklahoma City

MAIN EVENT FOR THE WORLD'S TAG TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP
YUKON MOOSE, 345 lbs., Dawson, Yukon and DICK THE BRUISER, 260 lbs., Detroit vs. MAD DOG VACHONE, 235 lbs., Algeria and BUTCHER VACHONE, 290 lbs., Algeria

SPECIAL FEATURE
PRETTY BOY LARRY HENNIG, 270 lbs., Minneapolis vs. EDOUARD CARPENTIER, 225 lbs., France

ADDED ATTRACTION
WILBUR SNYDER, 245 lbs., Van Nuys, Calif. vs. BLACK JACK LANZA, 238 lbs., Albuquerque, N.M.

THE SECOND BOUT
RED BASTIEN, 230 lbs., Minneapolis vs. BRUCE KIRK, 223 lbs., Santa Fe, N.M.

OPENING HANDICAP BOUT
MAN MOUNTAIN MIKE, 616 lbs., Kittery, Maine vs. ANGELO POFFO, 230 lbs., Chicago, Ill. and JOHNNY KACE, 235 lbs., Antioch, Ill.

NICK GEORGE'S CHICAGO MEMORIES

I was sitting and thinking the other day. Thinking about what pro wrestling used to be like. Thinking about some of the matches I've seen. Before the so-called boom of 1983.

The first card I ever attended was in the late sixties at the Amphitheater in Chicago.

I had just started following pro wrestling on a fuzzy UHF station. In Chicago we would get Bob Luce's wrestling out of Indiana and the AWA out of Minnesota. I had seen wrestling on television when I was much younger, but never paid much attention to it.

I drove down to one of the baddest parts of Chicago with my friend Joe Parillo in his old Ford. We bought tickets at the door enabling us to get balcony seats. We had bought small binoculars anticipating the distance we would be from the ring.

I remember the main event featured Dick the Bruiser and the Crusher against the then World Tag Team champions, Larry "Pretty Boy" Hennig and "Handsome" Harley Race as they were known back then. It was a Texas Death Match, in which all four wrestlers juiced. Bruiser and Crusher prevailed as they usually did in Chicago, amidst the crowd chanting "We want blood."

Some of the names also appearing on that card included Killer Kowalski wrestling Wilbur Snyder. I remember one of the ropes broke during that match.

Ernie Ladd, Moose Cholak, and Reggie Parks also were on the show.

I was at the Amphitheater when some of the more famous wrestlers appeared. I remember seeing Bruno Sammartino one time. SuperStar Graham before he became WWWF champion. The Valiant Brothers when they first started, Handsome Jimmy and Lucious Johnny. I remember the original Dillinger Chain Gang (I believe oen was a Fargo)- one was later replaced (He either got killed or injured in a fight).

I remember a young Bobby Hennan, managing the Devil's Duo, Angelo Poffo and Chris Markoff. Every card I saw Heenan in, he would bleed excessively.

A young "Cowboy Jack Lanza" and Rene Goulet (who later became one of the Legionaires) teamed up. Johnny "Powerlock" Powers, Dr. X, Edward Carpentier, Earl Maynard and yes Vern Gagne. I even saw Gagne wrestler Lous Thesz (Thesz played subtle heel, the match ended in a double knockout. Neither man up by ten,).

The Vachon Brothers also came in- Mad Dog and Butcher.

I stopped going for a while, and didn't pick it up again until the early eighties. It was still good. I would go to either the U. of Illinois Pavillion or the Rosemont Horizon and watch the AWA when the talent they brought in was unbelievable. Every card was loaded.

Rick Martel, Brusier Brody, Tony Atlas, Nick Bockwinkel, The Road Warriors, The Freebirds, Jerry

TONITE'S LINEUP

A.W.A. WORLD TITLE BOUT
VERNE GAGNE
A.W.A. Champion
— VS. —
BIG BILL MILLER

A.W.A. WORLD TAG-TEAM TITLE BOUT
VACHON BROS. Tag Champic
MAD DOG and BUTCHER
— VS. —
ERNIE LADD
AND
WILBUR SNYDER

RASCHKE vs. GOMEZ

LANZA vs. POFFO

MIDGET TAG BOUT

CHOLAK vs. ARAKAWA

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★ LINEUP SELECTIONS ★
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FABULOUS TAG-TEAM REMATCH
THE (NEW!) CHAIN GANG
— versus —
DICK THE BRUISER and THE CRUSHER

BARON VON RASCHKE versus EDOUARD CARPENTIER

WILBUR SNYDER vs. DR. X

PEPPER GOMEZ vs. BIG BILL MILLER

DOUBLE XX vs. YUKON CHOLAK

JOE TOMASSO vs. PAUL DIAMOND

SEE OFFICIAL LINEUP FOR TONITE'S SHOW

Blackwell, Stan Hansen, Jesse Ventura, Adrian Adonis (who with Ventura was known as the East-West Connection), and even Ric Flair came in.

Then it all stopped.

The last five years or so have seen pro wrestling dip to its lowest ebb. Will it recover? Don't count on it. It's evolved into a whole different form of entertainment. For some who have never seen anything else, it might be enjoyable. For others like myself, we know the difference. Will we ever see it's kind again? I don't think so.

Get used to it...

INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATR

☆ CHICAGO

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4th, 1979

VERNE GAGNE, unlike the champions of the other two major alliances, maintained his hold on the American Wrestling Alliance title for all of 1973. Verne who has held the title several times has retained the AWA belt continuously since early 1967, when he defeated Mad Dog Vachon. The following is the record this yearbook compiled on Gagne's matches, with * designating a non-title match.

Jan. 21 - Lost Ivan Koloff, Milwaukee *
Feb. 9 - beat BlackJack Mulligan, Chicago
Feb. 26 - beat Eddie Graham, NewYork *
Mar. 4 - beat Superstar Graham, dq. GreenBay
May 5 - beat Jimmy Valiant, Chicago
June 30 - lost Billy Robinson, dq. Minneapolis
July 14 - beat Superstar Graham, dq. Milwaukee
July 25 - beat Superstar Graham, dq. Honolulu
Aug. 13 - beat Nick Bockwinkel, Davenport
Aug. 25 - lost Billy Robinson, dq. Minneapolis
Sep. 24 - lost Kobayashi, dq. Japan
Sep. 28 - beat Kobayashi, Japan
Nov. 12 - beat Mr. Fugi, NewYork *
Nov. 14 - beat Edmund Francis, Honolulu
Nov. 27 - beat Superstar Graham, dq. Omaha
Dec. 1 - beat Nick Bockwinkel, St. Paul
Dec. 14 - lost Nick Bockwinkel, dq. Chicago

Besides wrestling, Verne was also busy producing a full-length motion picture, "The Wrestler" featuring himself and many of the AWA wrestlers, about the sport of wrestling and incorporating an action plot. Verne is also engaged in training new, young wrestlers

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BRUISER AND KING KONG OUT FOR BLOOD!!

Ask Dick the Bruiser and King Kong Brody what wrestling match they favor the most, and both will answer--"The Texas Death Match!!"

Bruiser says it's the true test of a MAN!! "The rules are made to order for a dangerous wrestler the likes of me...you wrestle until one man can no longer continue, with a 1-min. rest period between falls. The bout can go 5-10-20-30 falls, depending on the strength and endurance and GUTS of the wrestlers! Sure I know Brody is rough and rugged. So What! He is the kind of meat I like to eat RAW! Sure he's big! So What! That just means there is more of him to pound on and beat into a bloody pulp!!"

Brody has no fear of Dick the Bruiser."After all he was 'Dick the LOSER!' for a while after I showed the world he could be beat!! No, I'm really out to destroy this has-been!! No MERCY will be shown by me in this match!! If you fans get sick to your stomach over the sight of blood then you better go out in the lobby and not stay for the slaughter!! THIS IS MY MATCH! I'm the one from TEXAS who has never lost a wild TEXAS DEATH MATCH! Bruiser maybe has never lost one, but that's only because he's never come up against a REAL TEXAN!!"

SNYDER AND HUBER ARE "GO!" FOR TITLE

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SUPERSTAR LINEUP +++++++

WORLD W.W.A. TITLE AT STAKE!!
in..."The TEXAS DEATH MATCH!!"
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...featuring...The World Champion:
DICK THE BRUISER
(He has never LOST a"Texas Match!"
---versus---
KING KONG BRODY
(He has never LOST a "Texas Match!"

WORLD TAG-TEAM TITLE AT STAKE!
featuring...the W.W.A. Champions:
ROGER KIRBY and
"Golden Boy" PAUL CHRISTY
--versus--
SPIKE HUBER and
WILBUR SNYDER

PLUS!! NO DISQUALIFICATION!!
The Great BOBO BRAZIL
---versus---
DOORKNOB NIXON
(Under the Mgmt. of Paul Christy)

THE BLACK SAINT vs.
YUKON MOOSE CHOLAK

DUTCH SAVAGE vs. EL BRACERO

STEVE COOPER vs. JACKIE RUFFIA

PLUS!! 3 OTHER BOUTS!!

(This lineup subject to changes with additions)...

BOBO BRAZIL LOOK OUT FOR NIXON!

One on one, we feel Nixon is complete outclassed by Bobo Brazil the famous Hall of Fame Star--but look out for Christy!!

Nixon is only as good as Crafty Christy makes him look as his personal manager and strategy adviser during the bout!

AWA suspends Heenan

Professional wrestling manager Bobby Heenan has been permanently suspended by the American Wrestling Association it was announced Friday.

The suspension was levied after AWA president Stanley Blackburn was physically abused in his Amarillo, Texas, office by Heenan during a hearing regarding the suspension of wrestler Cowboy Bob Orton, whom Heenan managed.

Blackburn is 71.

The suspension means that Heenan's 'family' — consisting of American Wrestling Association champion Nick Bockwinkel, Black Jack Lanza, Bobby Duncum and Stan Hansen — will not be represented by the controversial manager.

Blackburn said Bockwinkel will be by himself when he steps into the ring, as Heenan definitely won't be around.

The ban on Orton also remains in effect indefinitely, an offical of the association said.

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MAIN EVENT

Dick the Bruiser Indianapolis, Ind.—240 lbs.	vs.	**Freddie Blassie** St. Louis, Missouri—240 lbs.
Wilbur Snyder Indianapolis, Ind.—240 lbs.	and vs.	**Cowboy Bob Ellis** Amarillo, Texas—245 lbs.
Angelo Poffo Chicago, Illinois—235 lbs.	and	**Nicoli Volkoff** Russia—237 lbs.
Joe Blanchard Dallas, Texas—245 lbs.	vs.	**Bobby Managoff** Chicago, Illinois—242 lbs. (Former World's Champion)
Joe Brunetti Salt Lake City, Utah—230 lbs.	vs.	**Mike Paidousis**
Bill Miller Columbus, Ohio—280 lbs.	vs.	**Bob Whitlow** Indianapolis, Ind.—246 lbs.
Bobby Graham Detroit, Michigan—226 lbs.	vs.	**Billie Geolz** Chicago, Illinois—222 lbs.
The Mongol Tibet—237 lbs.	vs.	**Dennis Hall** New Castle, Ind.—226 lbs.

MIDGET TAG TEAMS

Pewee Lopez Puerto Rico—105 lbs.	and vs.	**Chico Santana** Puerto Rico—95 lbs.
Marcel Semard Montreal, Canada—102 lbs.	and	**Little Boy Blue** Richmond, Virginia—97 lbs.

"The management reserves the right to make last-minute substitutions, through any unforseen circumstances, in any of the regular-scheduled bouts. In such events, it regrets any inconvenience caused to fans.

KROGER TENDERAY BRAND BEEF

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Richard Afflis, a former pro football player better known as "Dick the Bruiser" during four decades in professional wrestling, has died at age 62. Afflis died Sunday of internal bleeding, according to a spokesman for Suncoast Hospital in Largo, Fla., near his winter home. His widow, **Louise**, said her husband had been weight-lifting at home and ruptured a blood vessel in his esophagus.

Afflis held the distinction of "world champion" five times in the Worldwide Wrestling Association and the National Wrestling Alliance.

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DAN CARPENTER

'Retired' wrestler Menacker still active

SAM MENACKER tells of the lean times back in the 1930s, when he was a kid wrestler on the make and had the privilege of being trained by a canny veteran named Tom Draak.

Menacker

After a few weeks of Draak's tutelage, Sam decided one day he was ready.

"I know you've been going easy on me up to now," he remembers telling the old pro. "But I think I can beat you."

Though retired from the ring and nearly blind from an illness, Draak agreed to wrestle for keeps. He spent the next seven or eight minutes rubbing the youngster's face into the mat.

"WHEN IT WAS over, I said, 'I don't understand; you taught me everything you know.' He said, 'No, I didn't. I taught you everything *you* know.'

"That's an object lesson I've carried with me ever since."

Sam Menacker went on to become an outstanding professional wrestler. He played strongman roles in several movies, including the giant ape thriller, "The Mighty Joe Young." He managed the late George Wagner, alias Gorgeous George, the original prissy bad guy of modern rasslin'.

But to folks in Indianapolis, and many other cities from here to Texas to Australia, Slammin' Sammy Menacker is best known as a promoter and television ringmaster for a business where the line between violent sport and unabashed showmanship is carefully kept vague. They won't tell you everything they know, and if you're a real fan, you'd just as soon they didn't.

"THERE ARE only two things we can offer the public," Menacker says when you ask him if it's for real. "Entertainment and service — meaning restrooms, concessions and so forth. The No. 1 draw at the box office, what pays the bills, is what you see in the ring."

In case you haven't noticed, Sam Menacker isn't around the ring in Indianapolis anymore. After 12 years as right-hand man to Dick "The Bruiser" Afflis, Menacker has split from the Afflis-owned Championship Wrestling Inc. and is, in the words of both men, "semi-retired."

At 63, Menacker now is living in Springfield, Ill. with his new, sixth wife, Sandra. And while he has done a little TV wrestling promoting in Kentucky since leaving here a few months ago, he is, "as they say in the entertainment world, at liberty."

DESPITE REPORTS that Sam felt that younger wrestlers weren't being moved up fast enough in Championship Wrestling, the two longtime colleagues insist their parting was amicable. Certainly, their relationship was fruitful.

With the gravel-voiced Bruiser evolving from villain to top-of-the-card hero, and the burly, bespectacled Menacker sounding the praises of "The World's Most Dangerous Wrestler" at ringside, Championship Wrestling has become an institution of local popular culture.

Menacker, a wizard at card tricks and memory games, has been a frequent speaker at service clubs around town. He may be the only wrestling promoter who quotes from Shakespeare and "The Iliad."

HIS COLORFUL history started in 1920, when he was born to Russian Jewish immigrants named Abraham and Minnie Menacker. The tailor's son had a taste for the limelight and tried baseball first.

Signed by the Yankees as a catcher out of high school, Sam started out playing Class A ball in Elmira, N.Y., and had dropped to Class D at Americus, Ga., when he concluded he wasn't going to make the big leagues.

He then tried wrestling, performing those airplane spins and drop kicks for three years, for as little as $2 a night, before enlisting in the Army in 1941. He left as a major in 1946.

SLAMMIN' SAMMY returned to the ring and stayed active until he was 38, making good money. But his greatest commercial success, at least until meeting Dick the Bruiser, was his management of Gorgeous George beginning in the late '40s. The blond coiffeur, the expensive robes, the spraying of perfume in the ring proved a sensation in the infancy of television; the shtik gave pro wrestling its most enduring image.

Menacker served as the star's spokesman; but unfortunately, George Wagner not only could not handle press conferences. He couldn't handle stardom. He turned to drinking, lost his health, and died at age 44.

SAM MENACKER won't go that way. He says he's still at his wrestling weight of 220 pounds. His New York cabby's voice retains its bounce. His handshake, though gently offered, is a vise.

Like Tom Draak, Sam still has his strength and his secrets. But he'll let you in on one thing: He'd wrestle a bear for just one more mike-hugging interview with the nasty likes of Golden Boy Paul Christy right here on Channel 6.

Sam and Bruiser and Company. "We made a terrific team," he sighs. "We made history together."

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DUTCH MANTELL-DESPERADO HERO BY DR. MIKE LANO

After booking the AWF first tv taping the afternoon of 12/16/91 with Dutch Mantell(along with Sheik and Pez Whatley), and after watching him run tv things at the arena; I know Gordon Scozzari and I both thank him for his extra-beyond the call of duty efforts. Since supposid bookers Ed Gilbert didn't show, and Sonny Beach did very little- Dutch pretty much saved the day so Gordon had 4 hours worth of tv.

Dutch killed three hours with me the next morning at the airport, riddling me with funny stories, but more importantly telling his side of Frank Goodish(Bruiser Brody's) murder for the first time, and I wanted to share it with you. "That evening, Gonzalez was wilder than usual. He had a slimy way of asking-no, telling you to do something that you didn't want to do. I was told to juice, big that night- and I told him-Hell no- I'll blade myself if I'm going to do anything. He was a weird little dude. Another guy who came thru later at the police depositions, Roberto Soto- who I had heat with in Georgia- I never thought would say what he truly say. For some reason, Roberto potatoed me in Georgia a few years back. After the match I kicked the shit out of him in the locker room, and saw all this blood on the ground that I thought was mine from the match- but it turned out was his. Later still, I was driving to the next town and he tried to push me off the road. So I waved him to pull over and we'd settle it right then and there, but he drove off. I never saw him again until Puerto Rico. Atlas, Jaggers, Ricky Romero's kids(the Youngbloods) were there, along with Ayala and TNT. TNT and Ayala would later testify that Gonzalez cut Brody, and I was proud of TNT- he was yelling- "we have to go to the police and tell them Jose did it." I was pondering what Gonzalez and Colon had told me, and the way the locker room was, the showers were centered and in the back, seperated from the main locker room by a smoky glass window. I was in a walkway on the other side and directly in front of that smoky glass. We all heard a scream, and saw someone's hand with a knife go into a bigger guy. Gonzales ran out a secret hideaway in the back and we all ran in and I knew it was pretty bad. Brody's main chest wound had blood that was bubbling- so I figured his lung (peritonium) had been sliced open. He kept asking Tony(Atlas) to take care of his wife and kid- he knew he was dying, but could talk. It took well over an hour just to get an ambulance there- and it was a mickey mouse one at that. If this had been the US, a good crew would've been there in no time, and Frank would be with us right now. But things medically are backwards in Puerto Rico. The police were disorganized and got there well before the ambulance and knew nothing about emergency care. Even Jose and Colon were standing over Brody while the police questioned us all- that was sick. We all knew Jose had done it, then ran out the back way. Only Brody and Jose had gone in there, carrying their argument to the back shower area. I tried to clean and compress the wound to stop the bleeding, but we were told hours later that the bleeding just couldn't be stopped. In fact those butchers at the hospital did experimental, observational surgery on him that caused more intense bleeding, and then I got the call he died around 5 am the next morning. I called Mrs. Goodish and told her she better come down a few hours before he died- that the rumors she heard were true- it really was bad. Abby met her at the airport as he was boarding a plane home for the US, and told her the news. Tony Atlas and I volunteered to go to the cops- but the cops acted ignorant-like they couldn't understand a word Tony told them. I credit TNT and some others for having the guts to tell the cops it was Jose too- since they were regulars. I couldn't leave right away, and I got the hell out of where the other wrestlers were staying, for my own safety, and got a condo elsewhere on the island."

Dutch might be looking for Stan Hansen in his act which he still role plays today, but he felt danger was looking for him the next few days. "I asked the police for some guard protection, but they didn't have that kind of help there. So I stayed in my condo room, looking out the window and I was one nervous, scared sonofabitch. I kept dreaming Colon and Gonzalez would climb up the stairs to my room, and a couple times I thought I heard my door open and I jumped out the window in fear for my life. If you know anything about Puerto Rico, you know how inept the police are, and how you can be dead like Frank for hours before anyone will help you. But I stayed and sawmy part of the depositions through- although most of us discussed and knew justice wouldn't occur. The big arena show at Bayomon, the damn day Brody got cut- Colon asks us all to continue with the show. TNT, the Romeros and most of us all refused to do it

no matter how much Colon begged. He finally had to cancel the show, with all the fans there and issue rain checks- so at least the press and all the fans knew what Jose had done- and they weren't happy." Dutch's eyes got really watery discussing this, and how proud he felt at Shohei Baba's decency in having the memorial shows in Japan with the proceeds going to Mrs. Goodish. "Thank God there are some decent people in this business of ours. I want everyone to know that although Frank was a rascal, he was loved and shouldn't have gone this way."

Sounds like Dutch survived an ordeal- and Puerto Rican crowds have never been the same. It remains the Bermuda Triangle of wresting destinations, a place where Dutch's enemy, Roberto Soto, will never be allowed to work again because he spoke up and fingered Jose. Dutch and Roberto did the right thing. WT&N salutes all who survived this terrible tour.

Below:
Chattanooga, Tn.
9/16/78

Lucas, Mantell Retain Title

Ken Lucas and Dutch Mantell successfully defended their NWA Mid-America heavyweight wrestling title at the Auditorium last night against the team of Tojo Yamamoto and Gypsy Joe. When the latter's manager, Las Vegas Looie, interferred, he was pinned and the verdict went to the champs.

Both teams were disqualified in the Whipper Watson-King Ripper Collins vs. Chief Thundercloud-Chooey Little Fox bout.

George Gulas and Bobby Eaton bested the Mexican Angel and Beast.

In solo matches, the Blue Yankee drew with Butch Thornton and failed to collect his bounty, Burrhead Jones beat Pretty Smitty, while Joyce Grable won over Suzette Ferrari.

Mantell hot, retains both wrestling titles

Dutch Mantell spent part of Monday night "double-timing" it. And it paid off, as he managed to hold on to both of his championship belts in wrestling features at Boutwell Auditorium.

Joining with Ken Lucas, he kept his National Wrestling Alliance Mid-American tag team championship by defeating Tojo Yamamoto and Gypsy Joe.

Mantell retained his Mid-American heavyweight championship later by whipping Chief Thundercloud.

In other bouts for the night, The Blue Yankee bested Burrhead Jones; The Mexican Angel whipped Orvil Hutto, and, The Masked Mummy trounced Mike Jackson.

Below: Louisville, Kentucky

AN EXTRA SPECIAL THANK YOU TO DR. MIKE LANO WHO DID SO MUCH WORK FOR THE ANNUAL!!!—E.G.

Thesz, Watson Win Titles In Fairground Wrestling

Lou Thesz successfully defended his title while Dutch Mantell lost his last night before an overflow wrestling crowd at the Fairgrounds Arena.

Thesz defeated Joltin' Joe Palardy in 22 minutes to retain his National Wrestling Alliance Southern heavyweight championship title. Whipper Watson, meanwhile, won the Mid-America title by beating Dutch Mantell in a 37 minute battle.

Tojo Yamomoto teamed with Gypsy Joe and manager Las Vegas Louie to eliminate George Gulas and Bobby Eaton after five falls of a Texas Tornado Death Match.

In other matches last night, Jerry Barber and Wenona Littleheart won a Mixed Man-Lady tag team event over The Mexican Angel and Pepper LaBianco; and Ken Lucas defeated Ron Garfield with a sleeper hold in a 19-minute match.

Yank keeps grapple title

The referee said The Blue Yankee was "unnecessarily rough" and was penalized Monday night in the main wrestling attraction at the Auditorium.

The villain still got to keep his Mid-American heavyweight title, though. Officials at ringside said that disqualification does not constitute having a title taken away.

Thus, Dutch Mantell was declared the winner.

The team of Ken Lucas and Burrhead Jones was more successful in its feature bout. It defeated King Ripper Collins and Whipper Watson. In other matches, Tamayo Soto and Buck Forrest battled to a draw; The Disco Kid defeated the Assassin; and, The Beast whipped Bobby Eaton.

Above: Birmingham, Alabama 8/21/78

Listing of important regional & area titles and who held them during 1973:

WWWF Tag - Toru Tanaka & Mr. Fugi, Tony Garea & Haystacks Calhoun, Tanaka-Fugi, Garea-Dean Ho
Maritime Province - Beast, Jim Dillion, Karl von Krupp
Maritime Tag - Bobby Kay & Leo Burke, Fred Sweetan & Karl von Steiger, Beast-B. Kay
Grand Prix (Quebec) - Killer Kowalski, Edouard Carpentier, Mad Dog Vachon
Grand Prix Tag - Paul & Joe LeDuc, Buddy Roberts & Jerry Brown, Ed Carpentier & Bruno Sammartino, Gilles Poisson & Killer Kowalski, Gino Brito & Dino Bravo
NWF (NY,Ohio) - Johnny Valentine, Jacques Rougeau
NWF North American - Johnny Powers, Karl von Krupp, Powers, Eric the Animal, Powers, Psycho, Powers
NWF Tag - Parisi & Martinez, Rougeau-Powers
U.S. (Mich-Ohio) Sheik, Bobo Brazil, Sheik, Johnny Valentine, Sheik, Valentine, Sheik
World Tag (Mich-Ohio) Kurt von Hess-Karl von Shotz, Fred Curry-Luis Martinez, Ben Justice-Killer Brooks, Stomper-Bobo Brazil, Fred Curry-Marino
WWA (Ind-Mich) Baron von Raschke, Cowboy Bob Ellis
WWA Tag - BlackJacks Lanza & Mulligan, Bruiser-Crusher Ernie Ladd- Raschke, Bruiser-Sammartino
Missouri - Harley Race, Johnny Valentine, Terry Funk, Gene Kiniski, Race
Central States (Ia-Kan-Mo) Omar Atlas, Roger Kirby, Danny Little Bear, Bulldog Bob Brown
Central States Tag - Kirby-Race, Rufus Jones-Bob Geigel, Togo-TokyoJoe, Geigel-Brazil Togo-TokyoJoe, Mike George-Jim Brunzell
Western Canada - Archie Goldie, Gil Hayes, Tor Kamata, Omar Atlas
Western Canada Tag - Michel Martel-Danny Babich, Gino Caruso-Carlos Belafonte, Yokouchi -Fuji, Bill Cody-Dan Kroffat, Afa -Sika Anoai, Yokouchi-Fuji, Cody-Bob Pringle
Pacific NorthWest (British Columbia) Gene Kiniski, The Brute, Sean Regan, Mike Webster, The Brute
Canadian Tag - Bulldog Brown-John Quinn, Dutch Savage & Steven Little Bear, Brute-Mike Webster Quinn-Gerry Romano, Brute-Gene Kiniski Sika & Afa Anoai, Bob Ramstead-Mr.X
Washington State - Arman Hussein, Bobo Mongol (Bull Johnson)
Washington Tag - Luke Brown-Ray Steele, Paddy Ryan-John Quinn
Northwest (Ore) Bull Ramos, Dutch Savage, Ramos, Snuka
Northwest Tag - Savage-LittleBear, Ramos-Clay Spencer, Manuel Cruz-Al Madril, Ramos-Ripper Collins, Savage-Jimmy Snuka
U.S. (No.Calif) Pat Patterson, Mephisto, Patterson, Lonnie Mayne
U.S. Tag - Patterson-Rocky Johnson, Mephisto-Shibuya, Patterson-Johnson, Interns, Shibuya-Saito, Patterson-Johnson

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World Tag (Ky.Tenn.Ala) - Fabulous Kangaroos, Ben Justice-Tojo Yamamoto, Kangaroos, Lorenzo Parente-Randy Curtis, Interns
Southern Tag - Jerry Jarrett-Jackie Fargo, Jerry Lawler-Jim White, Roughhouse Fargo-Jarrett Lawler-White, Tommy Gilbert-Eddie Marlin, Terry & Ron Garvin, Gilbert-Marlin Masked Yankees, Gilbert-Marlin
Mid-America Tag - Yamamoto-T. Gilbert, Parente-Bobby Hart, Gilbert-Marlin, Garvin-Meyers, Yamamoto-J. Fargo, Garvin-Meyers, Joey Rossi-Bearcat Brown, Kangaroos, Bearcat Brown-Don Greene
Atlantic (Carolinas-Va) - Rip Hawk, Jerry Brisco, Ole Anderson, Jerry Brisco
Atlantic Tag - Johnny Weaver-Art Neilson, Ole & Gene Anderson, TBolt Patterson-Brisco, Andersons, Nelson Royal-Sandy Scott, Mike York-Brute Bernard
Southern (Fla) - Buddy Colt, Mark Lewin, Colt, Mr. Kleen Paul Jones, Ron Fuller, Dusty Rhodes
Florida - Jack Brisco, Colt, Jones, Tim Woods, Jones, Colt, Jones, Colt, Eddie Graham, Colt
Florida Tag - Bobby Shane-Chris Markoff, Woods-Big Bad John, Colt-Markoff, Mike Graham-Kevin Sullivan, Samoans, Graham-Sullivan, Dick Slater-Rhodes, Joe & Paul LeDuc
Georgia (NWA) - Mr. Wrestling II, Bill Watts, Mr Wrestling I, Watts, Ron Fuller
Georgia Tag - Mike & Eddie Graham, Super Infernos, Bob Orton Jr-Mr. Wrestling II, Gorgeous George Jr-Bobby Shane
Georgia (Ind.) - Assassin, Ray Canty, Missouri Mauler
Georgia Tag - Argentina Apollo-Dick Steinborn, Rock Hunter-Assassin
Americas (S. Calif) - Victor Rivera, Black Gordman, Rivera, Terry Funk, Rivera, John Tolos, Pak-Song
Americas Tag - Gordman-Goliath, David Morgan-Raul Mata Morgan-Tony Rocco, Gordon Nelson-Rip Collins, Ray Mendoza-Raul Reyes, Gordman-Goliath, Rivera-Reyes, Mr. Wrestling & Paksong, Reyes-Ruben Juarez, Dr. Death & Mr. Wrestling, Rivera-Mata
Rocky Mtn - Karl von Steiger, Ricky Romero
Western States (W. Tex) VonSteiger, Romero, Curtis Iaukea, Ciclon Negro, Terry Funk
Western States Tag - Nick Kozak-Al Hayes, Don-John Fargo, Moose Morowski-Romero, Gordman-Goliath, Romero-Morowski, Don Fargo-Hank James
American (Texas) - Johnny Valentine, Missouri Mauler, Fritz von Erich
American Tag - Brute Bernard-Mo. Mauler, Jose Lothario-Ivan Putski, Gordman-Goliath, Lothario-Mil Mascaras

Texas State - Jose Lothario, BlackJack Mulligan, Lothario
U.S. Jr. Hvywt - Don Greene, Lou Thesz, Greene, Lorenzo Parente, Greene
NWA Jr. Hvywt - Danny Hodge, Ken Mantell

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CHAMPIONSHIP LIST

WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION

World Heavyweight	Bob Backlund
World Tag Team	Mr. Fuji and Mr. Saito
World Junior Heavyweight	Black Tiger
World Martial Arts	Antonio Inoki
World L. A. Tag Team	Los Brazos
Inter-Continental	Pedro Morales
Womens Champion	The Fabulous Moolah
Light-Heavyweight	El Gran Hamada
Middleweight	El Gran Hamada
Welterweight	El Texano
Lightweight	Blackman
Americas	Exotic Adrian Street
Americas Tag Team	Mr. Sun and Mr. Go
International Tag Team	Gilles Poisson and Sailor White

WORLD WRESTLING ASSOCIATION

World Heavyweight	Harley Race
World Tag Team	Sheik Ali Hassan and Abdullah the Great

AMERICAN WRESTLING ASSOCIATION

World Heavyweight	Nick Bockwinkel
World Tag Team	Jim Brunzell and Greg Gagne
World Junior Heavyweight	Mike Graham
Southern Heavyweight	Jerry Lawler
Texas Womens Champion	Evelyn Stevens
Southern Tag Team	Dennis Condrey and Norvell Austin
Texas Junior Heavyweight	Chavo Guerrero
Mid-American Heavyweight	Bobby Eaton

PACIFIC WRESTLING FEDERATION

World Heavyweight	Giant Baba
United National	Jumbo Tsuruta
International Heavyweight	Bruiser Brody
International Tag Team	Giant Baba and Jumbo Tsuruta
Asia Tag Team	Akio Sato and Takashi Ishikawa
International Junior	Mr. Onita

SOUTHWEST CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING

World Heavyweight	Dick Slater
World Tag Team	Dick Slater and Bruiser Brody
Southwest Tag Team	Gino Hernandez and Tully Blanchard
Brass Knuckles	Bruiser Brody

INDEPENDENTS

Womens Champion (California)	Lola Gonzales
Colorado State	Cowboy Mike Cook
Western States (California)	George Wells
Western States (Arizona)	Lumberjack #1
New Mexico	John Ringer
Southern	Christopher Henderson

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NASSAU COLISEUM
Sunday, March 21, 1982 — 8 P.M.

MAIN EVENT
WORLD WRESTLING FEDERATION
HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE MATCH
ONE FALL — ONE HOUR TIME LIMIT

Bob Backlund (W.W.F. CHAMPION) -vs- Adrian Adonis (CHALLENGER)

Ivan Putski -vs- Jesse "The Body" Ventura

LADIES' TAG TEAM ATTRACTION

The Fabulous Moolah (WOMEN'S CHAMPION) & Wendy Richter -vs- Princess Victoria & Velvet McIntyre

Tony Garea & Rick Martel -vs- Johnny Rodz & Jose Estrada

4-22-82 Glendale, AZ.: Marcial Bovee W/Cory Bursch, Arizona Red W/Insatiable Sadie via forfeit. Marcial Bovee was guest referee for a Jello Wrestling Match by 3 ladies (????)

4-23-82 Phoenix, AZ.: Super Argo W/Tom Rameriz, Ron Newstrome W/Sneaky Red, Lumberjack #1 W/ Eddie Dean, John Ringer & Eddie Sullivan & Golden Henderson W/Super Argo & Pedro El Grande & Eddie Dean

4-27-82 San Jose, CA.: Scorpio W/Chris Adams, Victor Rivera W/Bobby Lane (To retain the CA. TV title), Mando Guerrero DDQ Killer Kim, Brazo de Oro & Brazo de Plata W/Exotic Adrian Street & Diamond Timothy Flowers III via DQ (Los Brazos retained the CA. TTC)

4-30-82 Phoenix, AZ.: Pedro El Grande W/Golden Henderson, Ron Newstrome W/Sneaky Red, John Ringer & Lumberjack #1 & Sneaky Red DDQ Ron Newstrome & Pedro El Grande & Golden Henderson

5-1-82 Bakersfield, CA.: Mario Valenzuela W/Charles Reid, Bill Howard W/George Wells via COR (Wells retained the Western STates HC), Pat & Mike Kelly W/Tony DeMato & Carl Batterman, Mad Dog Moretti W/Steve Pardee, Ron Starr DCOR John Tolos

5-6-82 Phoenix, AZ.: Pedro El Grande W/Christopher Henderson, Marcial Bovee W/ Ron Newstrome, Golden Henderson W/Sneaky Red via DQ, Lumberjack #1 DDQ Pedro El Grande

5-13-82 Phoenix, AZ.: Pedro El Grande W/The Exorcist, John Ringer W/ Golden Henderson, Ron Newstrome W/Sneaky Red, Christopher Henderson W/Marcial Bovee (To win the W.S.W.A. Southern HC in a Loser Leave Town Match), Pedro El Grande NC Lumberjack #1

5-15-82 Bakersfield, CA.: Mike Kelly W/Steve Pardee, Pat Kelly W/Tony DeMato, Carl Batterman W/Don Stevenson, Steve Bolus W/John Tolos via DQ, George Wells W/Budda, Ron Starr W/Moondog Moretti (Texas Death)

5-21-82 Phoenix, AZ.: Pedro El Grande DDQ Lumberjack #1, John Ringer W/ Golden Henderson (Loser Leave Town Match), Ron Newstrome W/The Exorcist, Christopher Henderson W/Sneaky Red (To retain the W.S.W.A. Southern HC)

NATIONAL WRESTLING ALLIANCE

World Heavyweight	Ric Flair
World Junior Heavyweight	Les Thornton
World Lightweight	Tony Salazar
World Light-Heavyweight	El Solitario
World Tag Team	Vacant
Mid-Atlantic	Jack Brisco
Mid-Atlantic TV	Ivan Koloff
Mid-Atlantic Tag Team	Pvt. Nelson & Pvt. Karnodle
Mid-West Heavyweight	Paul Jones
Mid-West Tag Team	George Wells & Frank Hill
Mid-South Heavyweight	Mr. Olympia
Mid-South Tag Team	Junkyard Dog & Mr. Olympia
Womens Tag Team	Wendi Richter & Joyce Grable
Southern Brass Knuckles	Ron Wright
Southern Tag Team	Jim Golden & Buddy Rose
Southern Heavyweight	John Studd
Southeastern Heavyweight	Jacques Rougeau Jr.
Southeastern Tag Team	The Kiwi Sheepherders
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North American Tag Team	Sweet Brown Sugar & Hacksaw Reed
Northwest Heavyweight	Rip Oliver
Northwest Tag Team	Rip Oliver & Matt Borne
U.S. Heavyweight	Wahoo McDaniel
U.S. Junior Heavyweight	Tony Charles
Canadian Heavyweight	Angelo Mosca
Canadian Tag Team	Dean Ho & Sonny Myers
National Heavyweight	Buzz Sawyer
National Tag Team	John Studd & Super Destroyer
Central States	Roger Kirby
Central States TV	Ray Hernandez
Central States Tag Team	Roger Kirby & Jerry Brown
Florida Heavyweight	Jim Garvin
Florida Southern	David Von Erich
Florida Brass Knuckles	Cyclone Negro
Florida TV	David Von Erich
Pacific Coast	Klondike Mike
American Heavyweight	Kevin Von Erich
Alabama Heavyweight	Jos LeDuc
Missouri Heavyweight	Dick the Bruiser
Mississippi Heavyweight	Mr. Olympia
Tri State Heavyweight	Bob Sweetan
Tri State Tag Team	Pork Chop Cash & Doug Somers
Louisiana Heavyweight	Junkyard Dog
Texas Heavyweight	Al Madril
Texas Tag Team	Al Madril & Kerry Von Erich
Puerto Rican Heavyweight	Carlos Colon
Carribean Heavyweight	Angelo Mosca
Carribean Tag Team	The Moondogs
Hawaiian Heavyweight	Walter Fanene
Hawaiian Tag Team	Ripper Collins & Big Bad Mike
Vancouver Heavyweight	Dean Ho
Vancouver Tag Team	Bruiser COsta & Terry Adonis
South Carolina Heavyweight	Terry Taylor

INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING

World Heavyweight	Randy Savage
World TV	The Miser
World Tag Team	Lanny Poffo and George Weingeroff
U. S. Heavyweight	The Sheik
U. S. Tag Team	Pez Whatley and Rip Rogers

WESTERN CANADIAN RATINGS

North American HC	Leo Burk
International Tag	Duke Myers & Kerry Brown
Mid-Heavyweight	Dynamite Kid
Commonwealth	Bruce Hart

FINAL WORDS: BY EVAN GINZBURG

By now you've read and hopefully enjoyed the annual. Our intention was for it to bring back many great memories and maybe even "teach" you a thing or two! You may be disappointed that your favorite promotion was excluded or only mentioned in passing, but we were forced to set a page and price limit in order to give you our best product at the lowest possible cost. Frankly, the majority of long-time fans are gone. Disgusted by the steroid monster/kiddie show U.S. wrestling's for the most part deteriorated into, we are (much like the territories), the last of a dying breed. WT&N may never have more than a large "cult following", but we work within our financial limitations to give you the best possible product and we're proud that we're the only publication dedicated to preserving wrestling history.

Below is a fairly detailed Back Issue list. We have at some point covered the majority of the great territories throughout various time periods. What we have missed WILL appear in future issues.

Thanks again for your support. Be with us as WT&N grows in the years to come.

WRESTLING PROGRAM
MONDAY, NOV. 7, 1955
Presented by
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OHIO

First Match
(30 Minutes)
ROGER MACKEY
vs.
JOHN DOGANERO
★ ★
Second Match
(30 Minutes)
DON STEVENS
vs.
JOHN VANSKY
★ ★
Third Match
(45 Minutes)
RAY STEVENS
vs.
THE GREAT SCOTT
★ ★
DOUBLE WINDUP
(1 Hour Time Limit)
Best of Three Falls
BIG BILL MILLER
vs.
KARL VON ALBERS
★ ★
INTERMISSION
15 MINUTE—REFRESHMEN TIME
★ ★
CHIEF BIG HEART
vs.
BUDDY ROGERS
(Nature Boy)

One of the most popular wrestlers ever to appear at the Arena, a general favorite wherever he appears and almost an idol among mid-western grappling fans, Everett Marshall, will return to this district next Monday night when he opposes Bill Longson in one of the two featured main bouts in the final wrestling program of the season.

His coming appearance announced yesterday, Marshall this morning agreed to Longson as his opponent. Promoter Sammy Sobel, in signing up the match, stated that he expected to have an opponent for Louis Thesz before nightfall for the other headliner.

Every inch a wrestler, Marshall absolutely distains the use of any illegal tactics on the mat but, in spite of this, he has always been able to do better than hold his own with the "bad men" of the game.

He's rated as probably the most powerful man in the game today and of being the possessor of a headlock that takes second place only to the one employed by Ed (Strangler) Lewis in his palmiest days. Billy Sandow, Marshall's manager, built a wrestling dummy for Marshall years ago out of wooden blocks and steel springs and it was on this apparatus that Marshall developed his crushing holds. In fact he still uses this "man" to keep himself in tip-top condition.

Marshall is billed as an ex-champion but his record shows only a single defeat in the last several years. In the middle-west he's still regarded as the title-holder where he has continued to pile up an amazing string of victories.

In selecting Longson as Marshall's opponent, Sobel did a good job of matchmaking. Longson heavy and powerful, will be a fine rival for Everett in that he is built so as to absorb plenty of punishment. Bill, about as rowdy as they come, can hand it out as well as all of his opponents this summer can testify.

The match will be a one-fall affair with a one-hour time limit.

Both clips 10/11/39

Everett Marshall, Mid-Western Wrestling Idol, Is Signed To Meet Heffner At Arena Mon

Niagra Falls, Canada

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Wrestling

Minneapolis— Bronko Nagurski, 235, International Falls, Minn., threw Chief Osley Saunooke, 356 Cherokee, N.C., 22:23.

Reading, Pa.—Yvon Robert, 218, Montreal, threw Maurice Le Chappelle 198 Toronto, 18 minutes.

Indianapolis—Dorve Roche, 222, Decatur, Ill., defeated Louis Thesz, 230 St. Louis (took first fall drew in second.)

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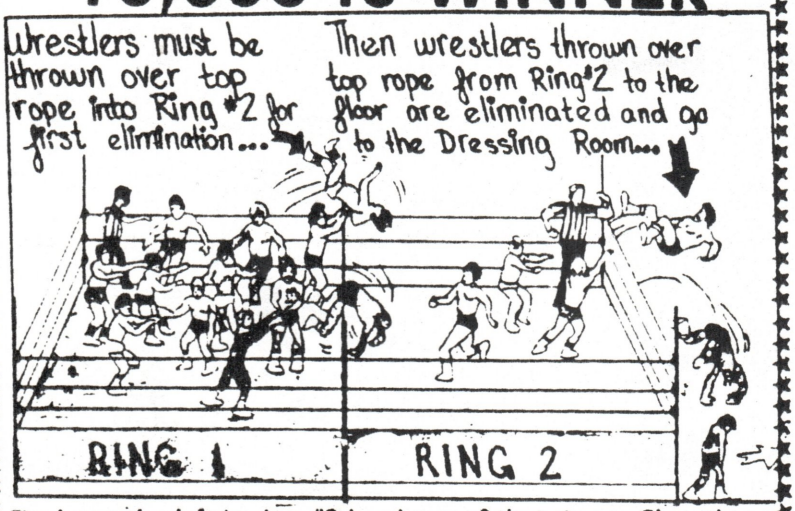

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ADRIAN ADONIS vs DENNIS STAMP

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NOAH JONES
vs
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